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WHS Lamplighters to perform 'School of Rock'

By HEATHER BURNS
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — Thursday, Mach 23, 2023 is opening night for the Wilmington High School Lamplighters Drama Guild's presentation of "School of Rock - The Musical."

This spring's hilarious and heartwarming show is based on the hit 2003 movie starring Jack Black.

School of Rock - The Musical tells the story of Dewey Finn, a failed rockstar wannabe who poses as a substitute teacher at a prestigious prep school in order to earn some extra cash. At first, Finn plans to convert the straight-A pupils into a hard core rock band to compete in the Battle of the Bands. Along the way, Dewey discovers his true destiny is to teach the kids and their parents the beauty of rock and roll.

The play features music from the world famous composer Andrew Lloyd Webber, with 14 new songs in addition to the original songs from the movie.

This will be Samantha Prindiville's first year as the artistic director of the WHS Lamplighters Drama Guild.

Prindiville teaches both chorus and general music at WHS, and serves as the WHS Drama Advisor and Wilmingtones A Cappella Group Director.

After having been an accompanist, assistant music director and music director for various Lamplighters musical productions since 2012, Prindiville is excited to become the artistic director.

"Getting to lead the charge and direct/music direct has been a dream come true," said Prindiville. "I have enjoyed working with the students in this capacity tremendously. School of Rock is such a good musical and the students have truly put their hearts into making this production a fantastic one."

Working alongside Prindiville is the production team, consisting of Thomas Hall - Technical Director, Kevin Berube - Lighting Designer, Marina Apostolou Chan - Choreographer, and Julie Hall - Producer.

Besides putting on a spectacular show for the entire community to enjoy, the production team also hopes to grow and strengthen the Lamplighters Drama Guild, in part by bridging the gap between the middle school and high school drama programs offered in Wilmington.

The middle school program has rapidly grown in recent years with 126 students, nearly 20 percent of the student body, participating in the most recent production.

The high school program is much smaller, with only 33 students participating in their fall production.

A dozen WHS Lamplighters members assisted in the middle school's winter production of "Elf," and for the "School of Rock" production, 7th and 8th grade students were encouraged to participate in this spring musical.

In total, there are 37 middle and high school students involved in this production, 14 of whom are middle school students (nine cast members and five crew members), and a total of 20 students working as the show's backstage crew.

Despite age and school grade differences, cast and crew have been successful in not only creating a wonderful production, but also creating bonds and personal connections.

"Shows at the middle school and the high school are both amazing, but I love being able to learn from the high schoolers and see what it is like to

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School Committee debates keeping Columbus Day

By LIZZY HILL
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — The School Committee meeting brought debate and contention during their second reading of the 2023-2024 school year calendar last Wednesday night as they discussed changing Columbus Day to Indigenous Peoples' Day and changing the day before winter break to a full day of school.

Superintendent Dr. Glenn Brand provided the committee with a range of examples of what other districts have done relative to the issue of celebrating Columbus Day, including no change, removing the name and just using "holiday" or "no school," and Indigenous Peoples' Day.

Jesse Fennelly pointed out that Columbus Day might be mentioned in some of their union contracts. Brand suggested that those could be changed using a memorandum of agreement.

M.J. Byrnes suggested that changing the holiday to Indigenous Peoples' Day could alienate some in the community.

"Some of the presidents of the US were slaveowners and we still have Presidents' Day," she mentioned.

She wanted to honor the community members who celebrate their Italian heritage on Columbus Day. She proposed using both holiday names or just using "holiday."

Stephen Turner shared that in his opinion there is a difference between celebrating Italian heritage and celebrating Christopher Columbus.

"As part of educating children and having them understand and be empathetic, not calling it Indigenous Peoples' Day is problematic," he said.

Audrey LaConte, the high school representative on the committee, said she anticipated the change of holiday name bringing more celebration and learning about Native American and indigenous cultures.

Chair Dr. Jenn Bryson proposed that allowing the holiday in honor of Christopher Columbus indicates that the district doesn't oppose Columbus' actions.

Jay Samaha suggested that the district find other ways to celebrate Italian-American history, such as Italian American History Month in October, or incorporating Italian heritage into the new holiday name.

David Ragsdale cautioned the committee from being divisive where they don't have to be. He suggested they simply use "holiday" or "no school" for this day.

Melissa Plowman ag-

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Nomination period ends for Wilmington town election

By CASEY STEVENSON
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — With the deadline for nomination papers passed, the ballot for the upcoming annual town election is being finalized and the process is moving forward.

The following is the updated list of potential candidates as of March 7, 2023.

In the race for the Select Board, incumbent Gary DePamla took out nomination papers and returned them with just over 50 signatures. Newcomer James DeFeo also pulled and returned nomination papers with over 80 signatures. Newcomer Mark Nelson previously pulled papers but it was not reported that they were returned.

In the race for the Wilmington School Committee, incumbent Jennifer R Bryson pulled and returned nomination papers, garnering over 60 signatures. Additionally, newcomer Michael Mercaldi took out and returned papers with over 100 signatures. Incumbent Melissa Plowman pulled nomination papers but it was not reported that they were returned.

Finally, newcomer candidate Louis Cimaglia IV is running unopposed for the Wilmington Housing Authority, as he returned his nomination papers, gathering almost 60 signatures.

The next upcoming deadline for the election is the

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School Committee hears from newly reformed PAC

By LIZZY HILL
News Correspondent

The School Committee received presentations regarding the high school Parent Advisory Council and school safety, among other items for discussion, in their meeting this past Wednesday night.

First, middle school representative Gabriel DeFigueiredo named a few recent ongoings at the school including an introduction to high school courses, basketball march madness and volleyball competitions, Panorama and MARC lessons, and a Robotics Club competition. Some upcoming events were highlighted such as an 8th grade dance on March 16 and MCAS starting April 3.

The co-presidents of the high school Parent Advisory Council (PAC) presented on their formation and the work they'd done so far. Stephanie Almeda started by explaining that this PAC just reformed out of a group of likeminded parents after being dissolved in 2016.

Megan Howie shared their goals of sponsoring enrichment programs and speakers, staff appreciation events, student celebratory events, and scholarships for graduating seniors. The PAC would also focus on teacher-student events and donation drives.

In an effort to do so, they began their fundraising

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While wholesale energy costs much cheaper than anticipated…

RMLD rate increases less severe than first anticipated

By PATRICK BLAIS

WILMINGTON — Planned electricity rate increases first announced by Reading Municipal Light Department (RMLD) officials at the outset of this year will be far less severe than first anticipated.

In a message sent out to Wilmington residents and other power customers on Tuesday, RMLD General Manager Greg Phipps revealed that rate increases scheduled to go into effect on March 1 actually turned out to be 40 percent lower than first forecast.

Explaining the municipal utility has been able to procure cheaper wholesale energy rates, RMLD officials say the typical residential customer can now expect to see their bills climb by around $104 over the next year.

Last January, based on previous iterations of cost inputs, the electricity distributor predicted annual bills for the typical residential customer would climb by around $155.

"The increase to Reading Municipal Light Department's (RMLD) 2023 customer bills is estimated to be 40 percent lower than originally forecasted. This is due to lower wholesale energy costs, which are passed through to customers," RMLD officials explained in Tuesday's communication.

"RMLD actively manages its power supply. Our current portfolio has 85 percent locked under fixed contracts with the remaining 15 percent purchased in open markets. Mild New England winter weather lowered regional natural gas demand which lowered regional open market wholesale electricity costs," Phipps further elaborated in a prepared statement this week.

Midway through January, RMLD's Board of Commissioners agreed to institute the rate increases in response to volatile energy prices and rising operational costs

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Adult Programs

Needleworkers at Night

Monday, March 20, 6:30 p.m.

Can't make it in to Needleworkers during the day? We've added new evening sessions on the 1st and 3rd Monday of the month. Bring your knitting, crocheting, quilting, etc. and enjoy a little conversation and camaraderie. Drop in.

Drop-in Tech Help

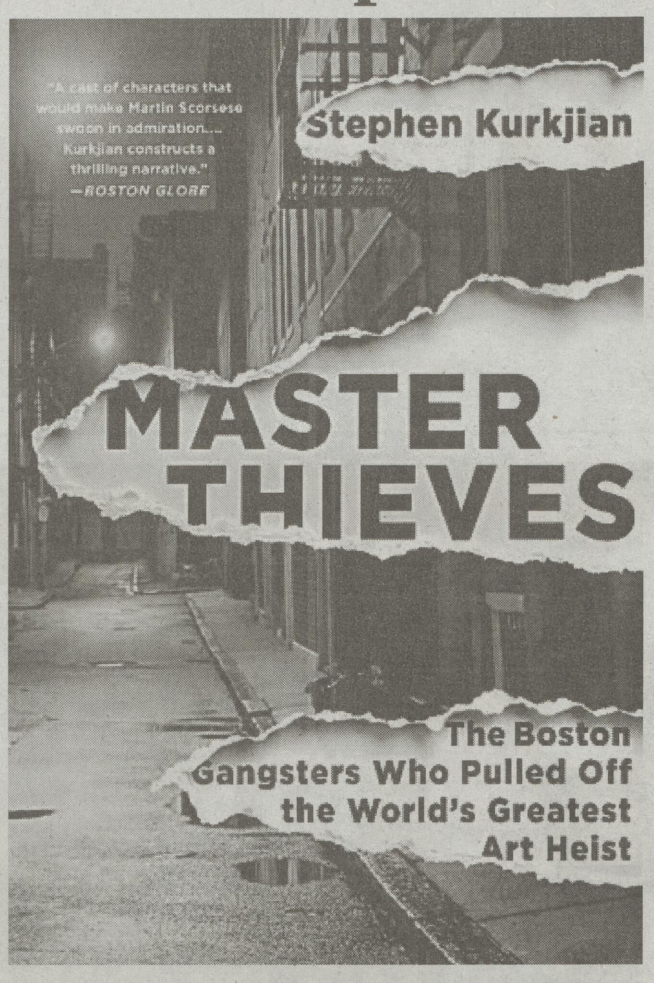
Tuesday, March 21, 2 p.m.
Wednesday, March 22, 2 p.m.
Saturday, March 25, 2 p.m.

Have a tech question that's been bugging you? Stop by Drop-in Tech Help.

VIRTUAL Natural Park Service Series: New Bedford Whaling National Historic Park

Wednesday, March 22, 12 p.m.

Enjoy a virtual lunchtime lecture from the New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park, entitled "Stories from the Whaling Port." Discover the origins and historical significance of New Bedford's whaling port. When Quaker merchants moved their whaling businesses from Nantucket to New Bedford, they started a 100-year industry that forever shaped New Bedford's maritime culture. Learn about a daring arctic rescue in 1897, when ice closed in around 275 whalemen and left them stranded with limited supplies. An earlier version of the U.S. Coast Guard traveled 1,500 miles overland to bring the men food. Time permitting, hear stories about New Bedford's roles in the Civil War (54th Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry) and the Underground Railroad. Led by National Park Guide Rufai Shardow.



Author Talk with Stephen Kurkjian

Thursday, March 23, 7 p.m.

Join acclaimed investigative reporter Stephen Kurkjian for a discussion of his book Master Thieves: The Boston Gangsters Who Pulled off the World's Greatest Art Heist. It is a case defined by superlatives — the largest art theft in history, carrying the world's largest reward offer, longer on the FBI's list of biggest unsolved art crimes than any other, save one. Two men disguised as Boston Police officers trick their way into the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum after midnight, tie up the two night watchmen and make off with an estimated half billion dollars worth of artwork including three works by Rembrandt and a Vermeer masterpiece.

Needleworkers

Friday, March 24, 10 a..m

This is a social group for those who do any kind of needle craft. Bring your knitting, crocheting, quilting, etc. and enjoy a little conversation and camaraderie. Drop in.

VIRTUAL Author Talk with Michelle Gallen

Saturday, March 25, 10 a.m.

What do you get when you combine a teen anxious to escape her country, a contentious factory environment, and rising political tensions? The answer: Michelle Gallen's comedic and poignant novel, "Factory Girls." Join us and fly back to 1994 while hearing about this hilarious and tension-filled story from the author herself.

Youth Programs

Multiplayer Monday

Monday, March 20, 2 p.m.

On Monday afternoons in March and April, the Baldwin Room (the small room in Youth with the comfy chairs) will be reserved for teens in grades 6-12 to use the Nintendo Switch with our projector! Try out the latest games, play with friends, and make new ones. No registration required, just come by if you're around! Grades 6-12

Completing the College Enrollment Process

Tuesday, March 21, 6 p.m.

Congratulations! After all the hard work, acceptances and financial aid awards have arrived. In this session, Tom O'Hare, Instructor at Pivotal College Years, will review the essential steps to saying yes. Tom will discuss how to compare college offers and answer the Five Critical Parts of a College Match. Tom will also touch on the critical steps families must take to protect their college-bound students. Attendees will examine funding strategies, the appeals process, and tips on the continued hunt for scholarships. The workshop is designed for parents and grandparents of high school seniors, and all considering how to reach their educational goals. The more you know, the better prepared you'll be. Grades 6-12 and Adults

Animal Shelters and Adoptions

Wednesday, March 22, 6:30 p.m.

Meet Michelle from the Baypath Humane Society, her rescue dog, Lane, and her stuffed dog, Marley, at this educational family event! Learn all about shelters, fostering animals, how to meet a strange dog, how to decide what kind of pet your family should get, and more! All Ages

Drop-in Storytime

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Additional Information

Minute Madness

It's tournament time! This year's Minute Madness competition will be fierce. Can you help us out-read 20 other Massachusetts libraries? Continue to log your reading as we fight for a spot in the Championship. Books, audiobooks, graphic novels, magazines and newspapers all count towards our total. The competition ends on April 5. See website for details.

Book Store Next Door

The Book Store Next Door is open on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 10am to 4pm. Shop discount books! Paperbacks for $1 and hardcovers for $2. The Book Store is staffed by volunteers from the Friends of the Library and all proceeds help support library programs.

Friends of the Library Jewelry Sale

The Friends of the Library are accepting jewelry donations for this year's Donated Jewelry Sale. All proceeds go to supporting the library. The jewelry sale is scheduled for Friday, March 31 from 5 to 8 p.m. and Saturday, April 1 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Stop by and freshen up your bling!

Museum Passes

The library has discounted passes to your favorite Massachusetts museums, attractions, and state parks. Find the full list on our website!

WML In-Person Programming

Registration is required for most in-person programs. Please check our website on the day of the program to confirm location. Masks are no longer required for vaccinated patrons while visiting the library.

WML Virtual Programming

The library continues to offer a variety of virtual events. Please note that registration is required in order to receive the Zoom link. Go to *wilmlibrary.org* to register or call 978-658-2967.

Schools and parents working closer together

By LIZZY HILL
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — The Superintendent's Report for the School Committee last Wednesday night pertained to the Wilmington Parent/Guardian University, strategic plan update, returning students, and various building projects.

Superintendent Dr. Glenn Brand invited Assistant Superintendent Christine Elliott to share an update about the Parent/Guardian University. Elliott said that the event would begin at 9 a.m. with a main session on internet privacy, though childcare would be open as early as 8:30 a.m.

From there, parents would have a choice between several sessions led by mostly Wilmington teachers and staff. There were also community partners supporting with tables and refreshments.

She'd received over 80 registrations so far and invited more parents and guardians to register and attend from the link on the school website or QR code on flyers in order to receive a swag bag. The invitation was sent out to parents and guardians of students from pre-k through grade 12. Drop-ins would also be allowed.

Brand added that he understood that some parents wouldn't be able to attend on a weekend, but they thought carefully about the time and date of the session.

"I think this is an avenue that can help fill a void or a gap in partnership with our families," he said.

Elliott mentioned that they chose this date in an effort to avoid sports conflicts.

Brand then gave kudos to those involved in the outreach that led to increased participation in the Strategic Plan Committee among staff, students, parent/guardians, and community members. He expected the Strategic Plan Committee to bring a draft of the strategic plan before the School Committee in the end of May.

Jesse Fennelly also gave credit to the success of the additional outreach efforts.

Jay Samaha said he enjoyed reading the thoughts contributed by those involved in the committee and noted that some of these ideas involved a financial investment. M.J. Byrnes agreed that finances would pose a threat to improvements. She also suggested that there be more effort to invite participation from families who struggle with English.

Next, Brand provided an update as requested from the previous meeting about the number of students who return to the district from Shawsheen Tech after a brief period of time. He shared the numbers of returnees over the past five years.

Byrnes asked about how returning students can choose their classes and what feedback there was about this process. Brand replied that his sense was that there wasn't any consistency or specific process.

Melissa Plowman suggested a process be created to interview these families to determine the reasons behind the original departure and later return to the district. Elliott shared anecdotally that it may be because students don't get into their preferred field in their second year at the Shawsheen Tech.

There were also updates delivered first on the joint town hall/school administration building and then on the MSBA process for the new Wildwood School.

Fennelly reminded the community about how the Town Hall-School Administration Building Committee was formed once the town voted to hire an OPM and go through site selection, and since then they'd chosen the Swain Green and gained approval of building the project.

Stephen Turner added that the proposed building would be similar in color and look to the current high school in order to create a "town center" effect. He assured the audience that construction would not impact the 4th of July celebration or high school parking but increase the number of parking spots, especially because the Buzzell parking lot would be available to the town staff to avoid using the lower lot.

There'd also be a separate area of meeting rooms which can be closed off from the rest of the building, a waiting area, conference rooms, and extra storage.

Brand commented, "I'm looking forward to a new facility which can better support the work we do each and every day."

Upcoming plans included hiring a construction manager in the early spring, exploratory excavation in the late spring, construction beginning within 24 months, and summer of 2025 for occupancy.

Chair Dr. Jenn Bryson asked if there were gender neutral bathrooms in the plans. Turner answered that there were dual-purpose bathrooms: gender neutral and handicap accessible.

David Ragsdale addressed the articles in the warrant for the Town Meeting proposing to take $1.5 million away from this project and use it for renovation at the middle school to fit the Wildwood programs temporarily. While

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It's Your Money

by Todd Brisbois



OPTIONS FOR TAXPAYERS WHO NEED HELP PAYING THEIR TAX BILL:

— PART II —

Taxpayers who can't pay the full amount of federal taxes they owe should file their tax return on time and pay as much as possible. This will help reduce penalties and interest. If they can't pay their full bill, they have some other options. Here are some tips for taxpayers who owe tax, but who can't immediately pay their tax bill.

Taxpayers should file their tax return or request an extension of time to file by the deadline. People who owe tax and do not file their return on time or request an extension may face a failure-to-file penalty. Taxpayers should remember that an extension of time to file is not an extension of time to pay. An extension gives taxpayers until October to file their 2022 tax return, but taxes owed are still due by the April deadline. Pay as much as possible by the April due date. IRS.gov has information for taxpayers who can't afford to pay taxes they owe.

Whether filing a return or requesting an extension, taxpayers must pay their tax bill in full by the April filing deadline to avoid penalties and interest. People who do not pay their taxes on time will face a failure-to-pay penalty.

Some disaster victims, taxpayers living overseas, military service members and eligible support personnel in combat zones have more time beyond the April deadline to file and pay their taxes. Taxpayers should also check their state filing and payment deadlines, which may be different from the federal April 18 deadline. A list of state tax division websites is available through the Federation of Tax Administrators.

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Hello friends and neighbors! Here's what's going on at WCTV!

WCTV'S ANNUAL MEETING — Calling all WCTV Members!

WCTV will hold its Annual Meeting on Tuesday, March 21 at 6 p.m. at our 10 Waltham St. location. At the meeting, WCTV members will vote for new members for the Board of Directors, hear a review of WCTV's 2022 accomplishments and expressions of gratitude to the staff and membership.

Members will have the opportunity to vote for up to five open seats on the board. Each WCTV board member serves a 2-year term. There are three new candidates running as well as two current board members who are seeking re-election. Members will vote in person at the meeting by paper ballot on that evening. Light refreshments will be provided.

Meetings covered by WCTV:

Wednesday, March 22, 7 p.m. School Committee

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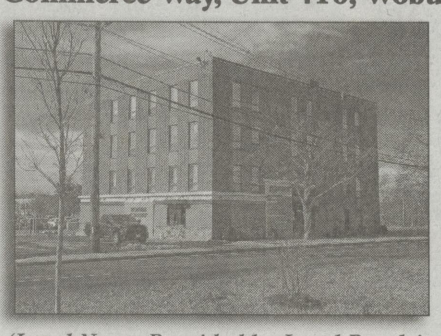
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Permanent Daylight Saving Time? Not yet

By PAIGE IMPINK
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As the sun rose and clocks were sprung ahead on Sunday, it was thought by some to be the last time the spring ritual would occur. But, alas, the Sunshine Protection Act of 2021, a legislative act that would remove the "spring ahead-fall back" clock change each year, must still pass the House and be signed into law by President Joe Biden.

Daylight saving time — no "s" — is the practice of moving clocks ahead or back one hour to capture more sunlight during working hours. According to historical accounts, the change was reportedly originally conceived by Benjamin Franklin as a way to increase productivity and to save candles.

Later, the change was adopted by Germany as an energy saving measure, and many countries followed suit during World War I. The United States adopted the measure in 1918.

In 1966, Daylight Saving Time was standardized across America. The states of Arizona, Hawaii, and several U.S. territories opted out of the Unified Time Act, and still do not observe a seasonal change of clocks.

A bipartisan group of senators, including 10 republicans and eight democrats, sponsored a bill in 2021 to make "daylight saving time the new, permanent standard time, effective Nov. 5, 2023. States with areas exempt from daylight saving time may choose the standard time for those areas."

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation failed to get it passed in the House, and it was reintroduced in January of 2023 by Senator Marco Rubio. 19 states have permanently enacted a consistent daylight saving time if the measure is adopted by Congress, while others have no pending legislation, Massachusetts included.

Studies have shown that the change in clocks creates a negative impact on health and safety. Increases in car accidents, heart attacks and strokes, and diminished productivity have all been linked to the change in clocks twice per year. Energy savings, and positive retail impacts are cited as benefits to having daylight linger longer near the end of the day in every time zone.

There has been debate over the health benefits, and there is also concern about darker mornings and students waiting for buses.

However, the American Academy of Sleep Medicine, while agreeing with eliminating multiple time changes in a year, believes that the US should settle on Standard Time. In a 2020 paper, the AASM stated, "It is the position of the AASM that the U.S. should eliminate seasonal time changes in favor of a national, fixed, year-round time. Current evidence best supports the adoption of year-round standard time, which aligns best with human circadian biology and provides distinct benefits for public health and safety."

Standard time would provide more light in the morning than in the evening, considered better for the human body's circadian rhythms.

Massachusetts Senator Ed Markey has been a proponent of the change for years.

"Over the years, I've fought and won to extend daylight saving time — adding two months' worth of sun to the American people's calendar. It's past time for Congress to broaden its horizons and finally make daylight saving time permanent. With the Sunshine Protection Act, we can shine a light on the darkest days of the year and deliver more sun, more smiles, and brighter skies." Markey stated in a press release by Sen. Rubio, who reintroduced the Sunshine Protection Act, hoping that Congress can get the bill passed this session.

The bill was passed by the Senate in March 2022, but it was never brought up for a vote by Nancy Pelosi in the House. So, for now it seems, changing the clocks twice a year is still with us. The next clock change, if no vote occurs, will be the "fall back" on Nov. 5, 2023.

Upcoming local events

Thursday, March 16, Public Health Museum indoor & outdoor tours, 365 East St., Tewksbury, *publichealthmuseum.org*

Friday, March 17, Public skating, *7 - 8 p.m.,* Hallenbourg Arena, Billerica, $5 per person.

Saturday, March 18, Family swim, *2 - 5:30 p.m.,* Lowell YMCA, $5 per person.

Saturday, March 18, Live ice sculpting, 3RD Avenue complex, Burlington *1 - 3 p.m.*

Saturday, March 18, Public Health Museum outdoor tours, 365 East St., Tewksbury, *publichealthmuseum.org*

Sunday, March 19, *7:15 p.m.,* Tewksbury Interfaith Choir rehearsals at Tewksbury Congregational Church. Open to all! For more information call Barbara at 978-726-6545.

Monday, March 20, Eat in/Take out at Vic's Waffle House from *4 - 7 p.m.* to support the Tewksbury library by grabbing breakfast for dinner!

Wednesday, March 22, *5 p.m.,* Last day to register to vote in April 1 town election. Town Clerk's Office, 1009 Main St., Tewksbury.

Thursday, March 23, World TB Day program-virtual. Public Health Museum, *7 p.m.,* Free but pre-register *publichealthmuseum.org*

Thursday, March 23, Tewksbury Candidate Forum, Tewksbury Town Hall, *6:30 - 8:30 p.m.,* Candidates for town boards including Board of Health, Library Trustee, Housing Authority, Planning Board, will introduce themselves.

Saturday, March 25, *1 - 5 p.m.,* Community Teamwork Cornhole Tournament Fundraiser, Tyngsboro Sports Center, 500 Potash Hill Road, (Indoors) *www.commteam.org*

Sunday, March 26, *10 a.m. - 4 p.m.,* TMHS Class of 2024 Mattress Fundraiser, Wynn Middle School, 1 Griffin Way. Buy a new Beautyrest mattress. The TMHS Class of 2024 is partnering with The Wish Project to provide an option for anyone who buys a new mattress at our fundraiser and wishes to help someone in need by donating their old mattress. The Wish Project accepts all sizes of mattresses and box springs (except King size) as long as they are free from rips and stains. We will have more information to hand out on where to bring your old mattress along with other donations on the wish list to their warehouse in N. Chelmsford.

Wilmington Rotary and WHS Interact Polar Plunge

WILMINGTON —Wilmington Rotary and Wilmington High School's Rotary Interact Club are holding this Polar Plunge Event on Saturday, March 25 at noon on the Town Beach at Silver Lake.

Please come down to support this event that funds continuing research, vaccination and global awareness of the heartache of Polio. Two countries in the world have still not eradicated Polio. Let's work together to make the world "Polio Free" for the betterment of everyone!

Tax deductible donations can be made out by check to Wilmington Rotary at Post Office Box 503 in Wilmington. (Notate Polar Plunge)

On Venmo: Wilmington Rotary Club *@WilmingtonRotaryClub* Code - 7099 or at the Go Fund Me link below.

https://www.gofundme.com/f/m4ff6-whs-rotary-interact-polar-plunge

Arrival time is 11:45 a.m. The Plunge is at noon. Plungers will then gather at Tremezzo Ristorante for pizza following the plunge. Changing facilities are available, however, restrooms and showers will not be available at the Town Beach.

We hope you will come and support this worthwhile cause.



Wilmington High Students of the Month

▲ Grace Smith, 12, Learner; Cameryn Foresyth, 12, Learner; Sebastien DeVerbigier, 12, Collaborator; Lauryn Parr, 11, Leader; Alex Bouchie, 11, Learner; Thomas Sica, 12, Leader; Allison Bolanos, 12, Learner; Srilasya Mallajosyula, 9, Learner; Marina Feeney, 9, Communicator; Emily Burke, Communicator; Lukas Charini, 12, Communicator; Julia Gray, 12, Leader



▶ Marina Feeney and Emily Burke (Courtesy photos)

Sons & Daughters of Italy sponsor blood drive

WILMINGTON — The Wilmington Sons & Daughters of Italy will sponsor a Blood Drive to benefit Boston Children's Hospital on Saturday, March 25 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the 4th of July building - 142 Middlesex Ave - Wilmington. The Bloodmobile will be in the parking lot.

- Register at *halfpints.childrenshospital.org*.
- click the "donate blood" tab.
- search "01887"
- find the registration link by date and location.

Contact Linda Caurso with questions - 508-265-7566



The McMoynies Team wins Trivia Night to benefit TMHS PAC

The McMoynies Team won High School Trivia Night, an annual fundraiser for the TMHS PAC. The event is organized by PAC volunteers and was held at the Tewksbury/Wilmington Elks this year. The TMHS PAC relies upon donations and events such as this to raise money for student scholarships and to run student activities such as All Night Long, a safe, post-graduation celebration.

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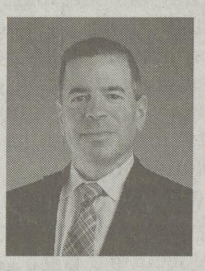
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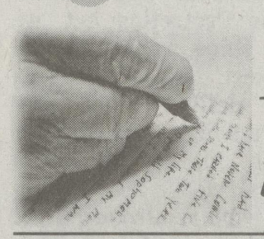
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OPINION



Letters to the editor

Methodist Church thanks community

To the editor,

Thank you to all who supported our 2022 Christmas tree sales. This annual event is sponsored by the Outreach Committee of the Wilmington United Methodist Church. All proceeds are sent back into the community.

To date, donations have been authorized to the following non-profit agencies/programs:

- Life Connections Center
- Billerica Food Pantry
- Lazarus House
- Boston Health Care
- Respond, Inc.
- House of Hope
- Oranges for Morgan
- Disaster Response

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Without your support, this would not be possible.

We believe 2023 will be our 25th anniversary on the church lawn. See you there!

Thank you for making a difference in the lives of so many.

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Don't change Columbus Day to Indigenous Peoples Day

To the editor:

It was disheartening to learn that the School Committee is once again debating changing the name of Columbus Day to Indigenous People's Day. On Wednesday, March 22, they will vote.

As a proud Italian-American and member of the Wilmington Sons/Daughters of Italy, I urge them to leave Columbus Day as is. For 200 years, Columbus was revered in America for permanently opening relations between the Americas and the rest of the world.

In 1992, however, on the 500th anniversary of his first crossing, special interest groups destroyed Columbus' reputation to further their own political and social agendas. Protestors, with great vigor but little historical sense, cast all blame for the atrocities committed against American Indians at the feet of Christopher Columbus. Such efforts only serve to whitewash and revise the true history of the Americas.

When I spoke at the last School Committee meeting, I suggested that we must teach our children to think critically. It appears that our students are being taught erroneous information about Columbus, much of which is taken from Howard Zinn's A People's History of the United States. Children need to be taught to research the pros and cons of EVERYTHING in order to make an informed decision about whatever it is they are learning. Please note a list of facts vs fiction that I have listed at the end of this letter.

Columbus Day has long been heralded by the Italian-American community. We think of it as "our holiday." We observe Columbus Day as a day to celebrate our heritage and contributions to society. This holiday also recognizes our ancestors' early struggle to overcome poverty, discrimination, and exploitation.

Many do not know that Italian immigrants were lynched in the South; paid less than white and black workers in the North; and declared 'enemy aliens' in WWII. In fact, during WWII, Italian immigrants were interned, had their property confiscated, were forced to move, and subjected to curfews and travel restrictions.

The Columbus Day holiday marks our journey from denigrated immigrants to successful citizens of our nation. It is a holiday in which Italian-Americans rejoice.

I respectfully submit that the Indigenous People's experiences and trauma cannot be reduced to plucking one day off the calendar associated with one marginalized group of Americans and passing it onto another. This smacks of the same paternalistic mentality that got us here — a group of self-appointed advocates passing responsibility for the acts of centuries and placing it on the shoulders of one figure, and then 'calling it a day' (literally and figuratively).

Let's not repeat past mistakes of doing the easy thing and placing our collective guilt on the shoulders of one historical figure or people. I do not speak for every person of Italian descent, but I believe I speak for many.

While I recognize the impact of the designation of 'Columbus Day" and its associations to many, the healing of one group need not come at the expense of another historically ethnically oppressed group. Let's not deceive ourselves into believing that in changing the name of a holiday, we can begin to erase the trauma inflicted by an entire civilization upon another.

Respectfully,
Michele Caira Nortonen

COLUMBUS DAY
FACT vs FICTION

FICTION: Columbus didn't discover America.

FACT: In every significant way, he did. Even if others visited the continent sporadically before he did, their voyages had no historical significance. Columbus' voyages, however, marked the end of thousands of years of isolation between the Western Hemisphere and the rest of the world.

The recorded history of the Americas and the Caribbean starts with Columbus.

FICTION: Columbus was a slave trader.

FACT: Columbus never owned slaves nor brought any to the Western Hemisphere from Africa.

During his first voyage in 1492, Columbus landed on the island of Hispaniola (now Haiti and the Dominican Republic). There, with the help of a tribe of friendly Taino Indians, he built a fort called Navidad and left 40 of his crew there when he returned to Spain in January 1493.

FICTION: Columbus was a racist.

FACT: No evidence indicates that Columbus thought the islanders he met were racially inferior in any way. In fact, in the journal of his first voyage, Columbus describes the Tainos and other tribes as "well-made with fine shapes and faces ... their eyes large and very beautiful ..straight-limbed without exception and handsomely shaped..." He praised their generosity, innocence, and intelligence, saying they could "readily become Christians as they have a good understanding."

FICTION: Columbus committed genocide.

FACT: The destruction of the native populations of North and South America over the centuries is a complex historical tragedy. No one knows exactly how many people were here when Europeans arrived. Many researchers believe the number to be around 40 million. Columbus made four voyages to the Caribbean in a 12-year period (1492-1504), spending from only seven months to two years and nine months (including the year he was shipwrecked on his fourth voyage). It is inconceivable that he could have killed millions of people in so short a time.

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▲Pictured at the Lowell General Hospital Ball for Community Health Initiatives are, from left, Lowell General CEO Jody White; Ball co-chair Anasuya Gunturi, MD; Levenia Furusa, Founder and Executive Director of Dwelling House of Hope; Ball co-chair Wassim Mazraany, MD; and Lowell General President Amy Hoey. (Courtesy photo)

Lowell General Ball raises $56K for growing food access program

BOSTON — Hundreds of families will gain access to food assistance and other resources thanks to the support of more than 500 guests at the Lowell General Hospital Ball for Community Health Initiatives, held Saturday, March 4, at the InterContinental Hotel in Boston.

The event, held for the first time in three years due the pandemic, brought together Lowell General's leadership, physicians and staff with community leaders in healthcare, business, education and social services from across the Merrimack Valley. Together, they raised $56,000 for Dwelling House of Hope, a growing, Lowell-based non-profit that aims to eliminate poverty across the Merrimack Valley through food assistance, and other resources.

Dwelling House of Hope was chosen as this year's Fund a Need recipient because of its work to address food insecurity and behavioral health, issues identified as two of the region's most pressing public health concerns in the region's latest Community Health Needs Assessment, completed in late 2022.

"Dwelling House of Hope provides thousands of local families with food resources, support and compassion, and we could not be more proud to support their efforts," Lowell General CEO Jody White said. "The only way we can accomplish our goals to improve health beyond the four walls of the hospital is by partnering with our incredible non-profit partners across this region."

Dwelling House of Hope Founder and Executive Director Levenia Furusa, an immigrant from Zimbabwe, started her work in 2009 with a small food pantry in her basement. Today, her organization helps thousands of families across the Merrimack Valley, many of them non-English speaking immigrants, with nutritious food, cooking education and clothing.

The Lowell General Hospital Ball for Community Health Initiatives was established in 2006 by Lowell General Hospital, its dedicated medical staff and concerned members of the community.

Co-chairs for this year's event were Drs. Anasuya Gunturi and Wassim Mazraany, who hand the baton to Drs. Miret Ibrahim and Allen Hwang for next year.

About Tufts Medicine and Tufts Medicine Lowell General Hospital

Tufts Medicine Lowell General Hospital is a not-for-profit community hospital based in Lowell. Founded in 1891, Lowell General operates two inpatient hospital campuses, a cancer center, four urgent care centers and several physician and outpatient facilities in the Greater Lowell area. Offering state-of-the-art technology and a full range of medical and surgical services, Lowell General serves as the region's primary healthcare provider and is its largest employer.

Lowell General is a founding member of the Tufts Medicine system, which includes Tufts Medical Center, MelroseWakefield Healthcare, an expansive home care and hospice network, and a large clinically integrated physician network that cares for more than 1 million patients per year.

The health system is dedicated to providing patients with the highest quality of care, close to home. For more information about Lowell General Hospital and its services, visit *lowellgeneral.org*, follow on Twitter *@LGHWELL* and Like Lowell General Hospital on Facebook.

Book Stew Review

'The Bandit Queens' by Parini Shroff

By EILEEN MACDOUGALL

Based on the true story of Phoolan Mallah, born in 1963, a poor woman from a tiny North Indian village, married off at age 11 to a man in his 40s, our heroine Geeta is inspired by Phoolan's vengeful actions as she tries to survive in her small village after her husband Ramesh disappears.

An outcast due to her uncertain marital status and her childlessness, she joins a microloan group with five other women and becomes entangled with them and their desires to be rid of their own oppressive husbands. As she acts in ways that surprise herself, Geeta is also galvanized by thoughts of the avenging goddess Durga as she creates remarkable outcomes for Hindu, Muslim, and Dalit women of her village.

The ever-changing sniping and support, "kiss-and-scratch" with the other group members fills Geeta's life with humor, strength, and recognition of the hard life that every girl and woman share in this cruel and insular environment.

Especially hilarious is the repetitive, eye-rolling mantra of those with children: "Motherhood is rewarding, SO rewarding."

To be inside Geeta's head is a delightful place to live as she emulates the real life and divine women who triumphed.

This is my favorite novel of 2023 so far.

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OBITUARIES

Edward 'Ed' Cieslik, Jr.

Loved restoring, racing cars



Edward "Ed," "Big Guy" Cieslik, Jr, 79, of Salem, NH passed away on Sunday morning, March 12, 2023 at the High Pointe Hospice House in Haverhill.

Ed was born on Jan. 22, 1944, to Simone VanCoppenolle and Edward Cieslik at Lawrence General Hospital. He was raised in Dracut and Methuen.

He grew up helping on his parent's chicken farm (to this day he hates chicken). He liked to stay at his grandparents' house to help with the cows and he would get into mischief with his cousin Ken.

Ed always had a love for cars and was a racer up until the time when his children were born. He continued being a "gear head" throughout his life, spending his career as an auto mechanic and truck driver. As of late, was working on restoring his '84 Mustang.

He is survived by his wife of almost 40 years, Marijane "MJ" Cieslik of Salem, NH; his children, David Cieslik and his wife Tammy of Salem, NH, Craig Cieslik of Methuen, Laurie Cieslik Hayes and her husband Frank of Rochester, NH, and Edward James Cieslik of Salem, NH; his grandchildren, Ashley, Emily, and Allie; his former wife, Marilyn Long and her husband Mark of Milton Mills, NH; his sisters, Marie St. Amand of Pelham, NH and Bernice Kaplan of Wilmington; his sisters-in-law, Jean Fairweather and Donna Fairweather; his brother-in-law, John Fairweather and his wife Paula, several nieces and nephews and several great nieces and nephews; as well as his beloved dog, Lexi.

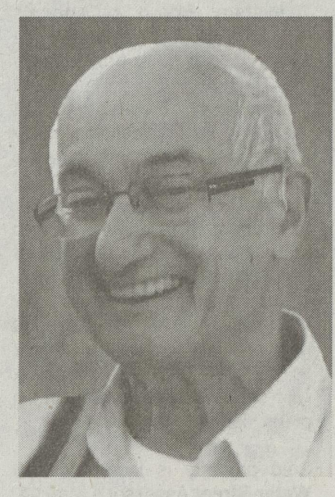
In addition to his parents, Ed was predeceased by his brothers-in-law, Daniel St. Amand, Morton Kaplan, and James Fairweather.

Calling hours will be held on Sunday, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Carrier Family Funeral Home, 38 Range Road, Windham, NH 03087. A Funeral Service will immediately follow at 1 p.m. at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 6704, Hagerstown, MD 21741.

John C. Gigliotti

Served in the United States Navy Reserves



John C. Gigliotti, age 90, a long-time resident of Wilmington, passed away peacefully on March 11, 2023.

John was born in Winchester on May 13, 1932; he was the dear son of the late Carmine and Vencenza (Janerico) Gigliotti. John was raised and educated in Winchester along with his siblings.

John proudly served in the United States Navy Reserves for several years.

John was a hard worker throughout his life; he along with his brother Frank started the Gigliotti Auto Body Company in Wakefield. John had a vast knowledge of his profession, he was meticulous with his work, and he always treated his customers with the utmost respect. All attributes that made him quite successful throughout the years.

John moved to Wilmington over 60 years ago where he raised a wonderful family. For the last 31 years he and his wife Joyce have enjoyed their home and yard. John loved to watch outside the windows at the birdfeeders; he enjoyed seeing various birds fly about. John also enjoyed watching the animals outside, as well as the changing seasons. John also loved having his home filled with family and friends; everyone was always welcomed.

John was a life-long member of the Wakefield Elks where he would volunteer his time and talents just about every weekend and cook for countless functions throughout the years. John was also a member of the Fr. Croke Council Knights of Columbus in Wilmington for over 30 years.

John will be fondly remembered for his love of children especially his grand babies; he seemed to light up whenever they came into the room and the little ones always flocked to his side.

John was a "Mickey Mouse" fanatic according to his family; he thought Mickey was a "Happy Guy" and that's what John always wanted everyone to be "Happy." John had quite the collection of Mickey Mouse memorabilia and he took all his children and grandchildren on a vacation to Disney World where a wonderful time was had by all. John even got picked to go on stage and dance! Little did any of us know that they were going to dress him as a ballerina!

John enjoyed traveling quite a bit throughout his life. Italy was his favorite, but he also enjoyed France, Germany, Puerto Rico, Aruba, Ireland, and Canada. John enjoyed taking his children to Casco, Maine, for two weeks every summer when they were young.

John will be remembered as a great guy who would go out of his way to help anyone in need. John loved his family, friends, and his beloved dog Ginger with all his heart; he made an impression on everyone he met and will forever live in the hearts of those he touched.

John was the beloved husband of Joyce (Cole) Gigliotti, devoted father of the late Joanie Kish, Florence Beeson and her late husband John of Westford, Maryann Little and husband James of Wilmington, Chuck Gigliotti of Cocoa Beach, FL and the late Tony Gigliotti.

John was dear to Joyce's children John Ashley and wife Ruth of Barnstead, NH, Michael Ashley and wife Judy of Ipswich, Paul Ashley and wife Kim of Essex, Kathleen Ashley of Cape Neddick, ME, and Timothy O'Brien of Salem.

Loving grandfather of Leah Pappas and husband Andrew, Nikki Rogers and husband Dennis, Katie Eastman and husband Bob, Jonathan Beeson, James Little, Benjamin Little, Samantha Little and fiancé Patrick Casey, Jillian Little, John Ashley, Brandon Ashley and wife Kristen, Jennifer Lamson and husband Nicholas, Matthew Ashley, Chris Ashley and wife Christina, Rachel McInnis and husband Andrew, Melissa Lower and husband Ben, Emily Allen, Meghan O'Brien, Shannon O'Brien, as well as his many great-grandchildren.

Dear brother of the late Catherine Richards, Lenny Cannon of Wilmington, and Frank Gigliotti and wife Ruth of Ipswich, son-in-law of Juanita Raynoso of Melbourne, FL.

John is also survived by many nieces, nephews, and their families.

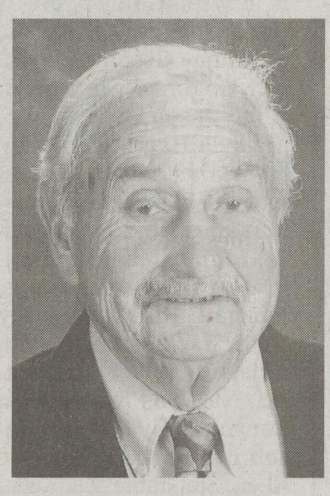
Family and friends will gather at the Nichols Funeral Home, 187 Middlesex Ave. (Rt. 62), Wilmington, on Sunday, March 19 for Visitation from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. immediately followed by a Service at 2 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations in John's memory may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 309 Waverley Oaks Park, Waltham, MA 02452.

To leave a message of condolence for the family please visit our website at *www.nicholsfuneralhome.com*

Joseph E. Colbert, Sr.

Retired from several careers over the years



Joseph E. Colbert, Sr., a long-time resident of Wilmington, peacefully passed away on March 6, 2023, at the age of 104.

Joe was born in East Boston on Sept. 30, 1918; the son of the late Patrick J. and Mary (Woodland) Colbert. Joe spent his formative years and was educated in Parochial and Public Schools in East Boston. This is the place where he met and married his beloved childhood sweetheart and wife, the late Anna E. (Troy) Colbert; his wife of 59 years.

Joe did whatever he needed to be a wonderful husband, perfect father, a great brother, and true friend. He enjoyed a long-time summer presence in the Wilmington-South Tewksbury Silver Lake area permanently moving to Wilmington in 1943.

Joe was blessed with a large extended family; he was the devoted father of the late Joseph Jr. and wife Virginia Ann (Abbott) of Tewksbury, Ann Marie Snyer and late husband John of Tyngsboro, and son Ronald of Wilmington.

Cherished grandfather to Joseph Colbert, MaryJane Galucci, Patricia Morneault, Kathleen Anderson, all of Tewksbury, Kenneth Colbert, Naples FL, Kristyn Snyer McKenna, Dracut, and John Snyer III Hermon, Maine.

He is also survived by 14 great grandchildren and 10 great-great grandchildren. He was the beloved brother of the late Edward Colbert, Loretta Colbert, Madeline Broker, and Rita Parker. Joe loved all his family and will forever be missed.

Joe was an East Boston boy that loved employment! He packed potatoes as an eight-year old boy in a local neighborhood A&P market for 25 cents every Saturday. Later in his youth he was a messenger for the Boston Stock Exchange, a runner for a newspaper with financial clipping service and an usher at the RKO Theater in downtown Boston and later electrical worker at Bethlaham Steel.

As an adult he was retired with long careers from the Boston and Maine Railroad, Avco (Textron) and Honeywell Corporations.

Joe was a devout Catholic throughout his life; his faith helped him through difficult times.

Relatives and friends are kindly invited to honor Joe at his Mass of Christian Burial at Saint Dorothy Church, Parish of the Transfiguration at the corner of Main and Harnden Street in Wilmington, on Saturday, March 18 at 10 a.m. Rite of Committal will follow in Wildwood Cemetery, Wilmington. At Joe's request there will be no calling hours. Guests are asked to meet directly at St. Dorothy Church.

In lieu of flowers, Joe requested that memorial donations in his memory may be sent in his name to his church of St. Dorothy, Parish of the Transfiguration, 11 Harnden Street, Wilmington, MA 01887.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Nichols Funeral Home, Wilmington, MA. To leave a message of condolence for the family please visit our website at *ww.nicholsfuneralhome.com*

Marjorie E. 'Marge' MacDonald

Executive secretery for Wildwood Cemetery



Marjorie E. "Marge" MacDonald, age 89, a long-time resident of Wilmington, passed away peacefully with her children at her side on March 12, 2023.

Marge was born in Lowell on Feb. 11, 1934; she was the dear daughter of the late B. Edward and Ruth M. (Collier) Zinn. Marge was raised and educated in Winchester; she graduated from Winchester High School and went on to attend the University of New Hampshire.

Marge married and moved to Wilmington in 1955 where she made a wonderful home and raised a beautiful family. Marge was a much loved mother and grandmother who truly treasured the time she spent with her family.

Marge enjoyed her home; she had an "open door policy" where all were welcomed and loved. She was a wonderful neighbor and a true friend; she was always willing to lend a hand to everyone she met.

Marge loved being outdoors, working in her gardens, feeding the birds, squirrels and wild turkeys that passed through. Marge always had a feline companion to keep them moving along. She had many interesting pets over the years that included donkeys, horses and her favorite, Archie a mouflon sheep.

Marge was the Executive Secretary for the Wildwood Cemetery Department. Marge was a fixture at the little stone office within the cemetery grounds. She ran a "tight ship" when it came to cemetery matters and she had a lot of compassion with the families that came in at their time of need; she was very helpful to the local funeral homes and she got along well with her co-workers.

Marge later worked for the Engineering Department at the town hall.

Marge will be fondly remembered for her giving spirit, her great sense of humor and her crazy costumes. She could often be found around the Wilmington Town Hall decked out in costume for a holiday or dressed as a clown to make others laugh and smile.

Marge was so kind and caring; she wanted everyone to be happy and she went out of her way to make that happen. Marge was truly a special lady with a huge heart; she definitely left her footprint on this earth and she will forever be loved and missed by all who knew her.

Marge was the devoted mother of Laurie Willis and husband David of Gilmanton, NH, Stephen MacDonald and wife Kathleen of Wilmington, and the late Bruce MacDonald.

Marge was fondly known as "Dicey" to her beautiful grandchildren: Anne O'Neill and her husband Conal, Tyler Willis and his wife Emily, Casey MacDonald and her fiancé Max Gouveia, Logan MacDonald, and great-grandchildren Jack and Hunter Willis.

She was the dear sister of Carolyn Farnsworth of New Jersey and Janet Stangroom of Tyngsboro. Marge is further survived by her nieces, nephews, and friends.

Family & friends will gather for Visitation at the Nichols Funeral Home, 187 Middlesex Ave. (Rt. 62), Wilmington, on Monday March 20 from 4 - 7 p.m. Marge's service will be held at the Funeral Home on Tuesday, March 21 at 11 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in Marge's memory to your favorite Charity.

To leave a message of condolence please visit our website at *www.nicholsfuneralhome.com*



(Courtesy photo)

Wilmington Rotary Club Trivia Night fundraiser

WILMINGTON — On Friday, June 9, the Wilmington Rotary Club will be holding their annual Scholarship Fundraiser to benefit graduating high school seniors who live in Wilmington.

50 teams of four will participate to challenge for this year's "Bragging Rights" and the honor of hosting the coveted trophy on their kitchen counter for the next year!

Tables of four can be reserved at $100 each for this entertaining and competitive night hosted by Wilmington native and comedian Steve Bjork.

Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. This is a BYOS (snacks) event and there is a cash bar.

Three rounds of trivia, 25 questions each, will determine the winners.

Trivia tickets can be obtained by contacting any of the Rotary Club members below.

Co-President Greg Sadowski: 978-657-6167 or *Gregory.sadowski@edwardjones.com*

John Doherty (Wilmington Insurance): 339-927-7099

George Hooper Jr.: *georgehooper@verizon.net*

Jack Cushing: 978-604-2443

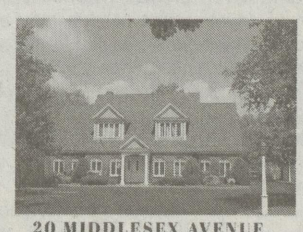
Chris Neville: 978-479-1500

Ticket sales will be capped at 50. Get your tickets soon and reserve your spot for fun, laughs, fellowship, and challenge! All money raised will go toward the 2024 Rotary Scholarship Program.

50/50 raffle will also be held and the winner will NOT be permitted to donate it back to the fund.

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TOWN OF TEWKSBURY
BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on **March 30, 2023** at **6:30 P.M.** in the Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by **PMW Land Trust** or a variance under Sections 5.3.1 E3 & 5.3.2, of the Tewksbury Zoning Bylaw, for front & side yard setbacks and a Special Permit under Section 8.1.1.C to alter a previously nonconforming structure in order to construct a 21' x 36' second floor addition, update the exterior of the home and the exterior & roof of the garage as shown on plans filed with this Board.

Said property is located at **16 Water Street** Assessor's Map 94, Lot 156 zoned Residential.

The application may be examined on the Zoning Board of Appeals webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at www.tewksbury-ma.gov. Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370. Legal Notice can also be viewed on www.masspublicnotices.org

Nancy Rego, Chair

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LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF TEWKSBURY
CONSERVATION COMMISSION

PUBLIC HEARING

Request for Determination of Applicability (RDA)

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on **March 22, 2023, at 6:30 P.M. at Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street,** for a RDA filed by Dana F. Perkins, Inc. of Tewksbury, MA on behalf of Bella Woods Condominium (C/O Silva Associates) for the installation of a gravel infiltration trench within the buffer zone of wetlands.

The property subject to this application is located at **43 KENSINGTON WY TEWKSBURY, MA,ASSESSOR'S MAP 89-34-U066.**

The application may be examined on the Conservation Commission webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at www.tewksbury-ma.gov. Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370. Legal Notice can also be viewed on www.masspublicnotices.org

Joe Fontaine
Conservation Agent/Planner

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LEGAL NOTICE

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SITE PLAN REVIEW
& SPECIAL PERMIT

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Planning Board will hold a public hearing on **March 27, 2023 at 7:00 P.M.** in the Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by **Ecogy MA V LLC on behalf of Thermo Niton Analyzers LLC** for a Site Plan Review pursuant to Section 3.6 and a special permit under Section 7.4.3.c of the Zoning Bylaw to construct a ground mount solar photovoltaic canopy system and associated battery storage in the existing parking lot as shown on plans filed with this Board.

Said property is located at **2 Radcliff Road,** Assessor's Map 52, Lot 42, zoned Office Research.

The application may be examined on the Planning Board webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at www.tewksbury-ma.gov. Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370. Legal Notice can also be viewed on www.masspublicnotices.org

Stephen Johnson,
Chairman

230290 3/8,15/23

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF TEWKSBURY
CONSERVATION COMMISSION

PUBLIC HEARING

REQUEST TO AMEND
AN ORDER OF CONDITIONS
DEP FILE # 305-1162

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing **March 22, 2023, at 6:30 P.M within the Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street** for a Request to Amend an Order of Conditions (DEP File # 305-1162) filed by Goddard Consulting LLC on behalf of Rhino Capital Advisors LLC for proposed design changes related to previously approved construction of an industrial building, parking lot, and associated access drive. The proposed design changes will impact wetlands, Bank, Land Under Water and Waterways, and/or the Buffer Zone associated with said wetland resource areas.

The property subject to this application is located at **30 COMMERCE WY/BEYOND TEWKSBURY,MA, ASSESSOR'S MAP 23-18.**

The application may be examined on the Conservation Commission webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at www.tewksbury-ma.gov. Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370. Legal Notice can also be viewed on www.masspublicnotices.org

Joe Fontaine
Conservation Agent/Planner

230329 3/15/23

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF WILMINGTON
BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the Town Hall, 121 Glen Road on Wednesday, April 12th, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. on the following applications:

Case 6-23
Scott F. Nolan
Map 49, Parcel 134
9 Allen Park Drive

– Requesting a special permit to allow addition/renovation of total area of impervious surface to exceed 1590 sf of total lot area. Stormwater regeneration plan submitted for approval in the Ground Water Protection area.

230312 3/15,22/23

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF WILMINGTON
PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on April 4, 2023 at 8:10 p.m. in the Town Hall Auditorium, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA for a Parking Relief Special Permit #23-01, plan entitled, "Site Parking Plan"; dated January 11, 2023. Last revised March 8, 2023, prepared by Stuart D. Clark, P.E., Green Seal Environmental, LLC, 114 State Road, Building B, Sagamore Beach, MA 02562. The application is to provide 25 parking spaces where 53 parking spaces are required. Said property is located at 885 & 889 Woburn Street and shown on Assessor's Map 37 Parcels 4 & 4A.

A copy of the plan is on file at the Planning & Conservation Department and may be inspected during the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Any person interested, or wishing to be heard on the proposed plan, should appear at the time and place designated.

Terence Boland, Chair
Wilmington Planning Board

230331 3/15,22/23

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF WILMINGTON
PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on April 4, 2023 at 8:50 p.m. in the Town Hall Auditorium, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA for a Site Plan Review #23-08 and Stormwater Management Permit #23-06, plan entitled, "Amended Overview Plan"; dated March 7, 2023, prepared by Brenton Cole, P.E., Granite Engineering, 150 Dow Street, Tower 2, Suite 421, Manchester, NH 03101. The application is for the addition of 91 more parking spaces and the removal of fourteen (14) loading docks to support the change in use of Building "E" from Warehouse to Research and Development, including the addition of 50,000 sq. ft. of mezzanine space. Said property is located at 100-110 Fordham Road and shown on Assessor's Map 91 Parcel 121.

A copy of the plan is on file at the Planning & Conservation Department and may be inspected during the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Any person interested, or wishing to be heard on the proposed plan, should appear at the time and place designated.

Terence Boland, Chair
Wilmington Planning Board

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LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF WILMINGTON PLANNING BOARD
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 40A, Section 5, the Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, April 4, 2023 at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Auditorium at 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA on a proposed Zoning Bylaw amendment contained within a petitioned Zoning Article submitted for inclusion on the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting to be held April 29, 2023.

The following summarizes the amendment proposed by the petitioned Warrant Article that will be considered at the Public Hearing:

That the Town vote to amend Section 4.1.9 of the Zoning By-laws to read as follows:

"4.1.9 Fairs, Bazaars, Antique Shows and Carnivals – In all districts, any building or premises owned or operated by a municipal or religious organization or private lodge or club may be used with the owner's permission for fairs, bazaars, antique shows, or similar events. In all districts, open-air carnivals on premises owned by a municipal or religious organization or private lodge or club may be authorized by the Select Board, provided such use is limited to appropriate restrictions on the number of days and hours of operations."

The Zoning Article containing the proposed amendment may be inspected by contacting the Department of Planning & Conservation at 978-658-8238 Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The Article may also be found on the Town website.

Terence Boland, Chair
Wilmington Planning Board

230333 3/15,22/23

Shawsheen High School announces honor roll

BILLERICA — Shawsheen Valley Technical High School has released the names of students who have achieved honor roll status for second quarter. To be eligible for Honor Roll, students must receive a minimum grade of "B" in every course, and High Honor Roll achievers must receive an "A" in every course. Shawsheen serves more than 1300 students in grades 9-12 from Bedford, Billerica, Burlington, Tewksbury, and Wilmington. The students listed below embody Shawsheen's mission "Dedicated to Excellence in Education."

TEWKSBURY

High Honor Roll

Charlotte Bartolone, Eric Bellavia, Connor Broderick, Noah Brooks, Ava Cailler, Leah Casey, Adrianna Damiano, Mikayla Day, Jessica DeChellis, Adrianna DiGiacomo, Jayden Donaher, Trevor Engel, Emily Erickson, Ava Ferreira, Corrine Foley, Brenna Follett, Dale Gardner, Noah Healey, Jonathan Hureau, Maura Krueger, Nishtha Lamsal, Gabriella Lentini, Kristin Macdonald, Joshua Maher, Giana Manoloulis, Zachary Mantey, Lauren Mazzei, Kiley McFadden, Makayla Melanson, Lily Middleton, Taylor Mills, Kendra Minghella, Sean Morgan, Victor Mwangi, Genevieve Newell, Makayla Nolan, John O'Donnell, Karina Palencia-Marroquin, Alanna Paquin, Noah Pare, Christina Rainone, Aaron Ramsey, Matthew Ramsey, Evan Sarno, Brooklin Schena, Dominic Schena, Logan Sproul, Alexa Strong, Jason Svendsen, Krystal Tempesta, Methun Thayaaparan, McKenzee Tingtella, Juliana Welch.

Honor Roll

Anthony Ascolillo, Justin Avery, Katelyn Bardsley, Zachary Barnes, Cade Barron, Daniel Benassi, Reighan Blaikie, Bradley Boudreault, Zachary Brandano, Quinn Brown, Theodore Buczynski, Patrick Bumpus, Calli Burke, Brianna Caccamesi, Nicholas Calouro, Daniel Carnovale, Brook Chase, Robin Chase, Domenic Coakley-Fernandez, Jade Crawford, Alex DelloRusso, Makenna Diaz, Gianna DiMinico, Sage Dingivan, Elizabeth DiPalma, Gabriella DiSalvo, Isabella Disalvo, Sophia DiTonno, Anna Doughty, Edward Doyle, Addison Dunham, Finley Dunham, Simon Dunham, Holly Fell, Jason Flavin, Matthew Flavin, Nicholas Foster, Tyler Francois, Lauren Frontain, Lindsey Frontain, Nathan Galanis, Kaytlin Gannon, Jared Gardner, Hunter Gervais, Savanna Gervais, Jackson Goldman, Jacquelyn Guy, Jason Harrington, Mikayla Harrington, Ashley Harris, Carly Heichman, William Holloway, Maximus Hussey-Cerqueira, Lillian Johnson, Apollo Joseph, Daniel Judge, Morgan Kelly, Timothy Kent, Jack Krauss, John Krisko, Hailey Krzesinski, Nicholas Kuras, Erin Langone, Jayla Lentz, Jason Lombardi, Ryan Mac Keen, Stephanie MacKeen, Aliza Maher, Tyler Mantey, Jacob Martel, Natalie Martin, Amaya Maxi, Olivia Maxwell, Grace McDermott, Trevor Middleton, Isabella Minghella, Andre Monteiro, Seamus Naughton, Bella-Jennie Nelson, Andrew Oliveira, Allie Oliver, Daniel O'Mahony, Rachael Ostiguy, Alessandro Paone, Michael Parent, Anthony Pellegrino, Jayden Perez, Joshua Pinto, Ronaldo Pio, Samantha Polcaro, Nicholas Quinn, Katrina Raymond, Kyle Realejo, Tayla Reinhard, Tucker Robinson, Benjamin Rosato, Seth Ruchalski, Jake Ryan, Jason Scaringi, Hailey Schaufus, Audrey Shanahan, Cameron Smith, Patrick Smith, Ryan Sorrentino, Eliel Soto, Roland Spengler, Alexis Spurr, Thomas Strob, Tyler Sutherland, Kaylee Tarara, Ryan Taylor, Preston Teixeira, Hailey Tomasi, Alexis Torro, Darien Tran, Paden Urquhart, Julian Valerio, Nicholas Viens, Brandon Waddell, Arianna Walker, Alyssa Wallace, Logan Warwick, Troy Warwick.

WILMINGTON

High Honor Roll

Justin Abbott, Lilly Abbott, Ivone Airoso, Avery Assarian, Ayla Biscan, Rachel Botte, Karianne Calvoni, Christian Carpinella, Isabella Catalano, Alyssa Cavanaugh, Gavin Churchill, Timothy Clark, Darion Considine, Ryan Copson, Alyssa Costantiello, Haley Cournoyer, Michaela Crowe, Christopher DeFilippo, Michael DeRose, Dominic DiCenso, Jailyn DiNuccio, Skylar Driscoll, Arianna Farrell, Jameson Farrell, Brendan Ferrone, Brendan Fitzgerald, Paige Fuller, Nicholas Gattineri, Steve Guevara, Zoey Helbert, Leila Hurley, Micayla King, Madeline Long, Kaytlyn MacPherson, Carlie Malonson, Amelia Matzke, Maria McCarthy, Robert Miaskiewicz, David Mikaelyan, Layne Miller, Jaycee Mitchell, Julia Morin, Rayssa Pereira, Kylie Plowman, John Pozzi, Lia Price, Logan Pyles, Gianna Rago, Lorraina Raposa, Gemma Sweeney, Evan Uftring, Celia Vindice, Allison Viveiros, Michael Ware, Anna Warford, Angelina Williams.

Honor Roll

Kevin Ackerley, Brady Allen, Desiree Almodovar, Destinee Almodovar, Olivia Aranha, Jace Avery, Eric Banda, Jake Banda, Tiffany Barrera-Perry, Logan Bentley, Justin Bevis, Kylee Bevis, William Biscan, Zachary Blonigen, Christian Botte, Nicole Botte, Jack Bourque, Matthew Breen, Jacob Breitenbach, Ella Brennan, Jennifer Brogan, John Burke, Matthew Carpinella, Jake Carr, Mikayla Cella, Jonathan Chisholm, Tara Clark, Kara Clayton, Keenan Considine, Matthew Dall, Jonathan Dalton, Colin DiPesa, Robert Dodge, Arianna Fasulo, Michael Fay, Oliver Ferrer, Sabrina Fitzgerald, Luis Henrique Galicia, Rachel Garrett, John Gibbons, Morgan Glover, Manuel Gonzalez, Gianna Grieco, John Haggerty, Kailyn Harless, Everett Healy, Brendan Heos, Lia Holowenczak, David Jeanty, Alexander Kaszuba, Bryan Keohan, Justin Keohan, Nathan Keohan, Jack Klindt, Jason Kouyoumjian, Brooke Larffarello, Aidan Largenton, Alisa Lavino, Colin Lawson, Calvin Lemay, Paige Lipski, Isabella Luis, Sydney MacPherson, Anthony Marra III, Kyle Marrone, Jack Martins, Michael Maselli, Kayla Mason, Kevin Mason, Charlie Mastronardi, Devin Mathews, Shane McDonald, John McLaughlin, Devin Medeiros, Helen Meehan, Nathan Melo-Sabino, Kaleb Molina, Riley Morrell, Dominic Mosher, Derek Mulik, Ryan Murphy, Ava Murray, Joseph Murray, Lilly O'Hearn, Meagan O'Leary, Dominic Oliveira, Eva Oppedisano, Giana Peach, Lukas Poirier, Adam Quamme, Ryan Quamme, Alexandra Quick, Brodie Rawson, Ava Rega, Paige Rivera, Isabella Rogers, Zachary Rogers, Riley Rourke, Charles Roy, Andrew Roya, Gavin Russell, Phoebe Sassone, Macy Savage, Makayla Scaramozza, Nathan Son, Jason Spaniol, Kaleb Stanley, Shelby Tangusso, Patrick Tassone, Noah Titterington, David Topor, William Trach, Ronin Uftring, Davide Vitale, David Viveiros, Jonathan Vlamis, Cullen Walsh, Dylan Ward, Mackenzie Ware, Daniel Watne, Mackenzie Weatherbee, Kristal Wells.

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Local students named to Dean's List at Regis College

WESTON — Regis College is pleased to announce its fall 2022 Dean's List of students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievement. To earn a spot on the Dean's List, Regis sophomores, juniors, seniors, and professional studies students must have a GPA of 3.5 or higher; first-year students must have a GPA of 3.25 or higher. Additional criteria can be found in Regis' Academic Catalog.

"This noteworthy achievement is one that requires perseverance, determination, and critical focus — skills that will encourage your continued progress in your undergraduate studies, career, and in life. We wish you continued success in all your future endeavors," said Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs Mary Erina Driscoll, PhD, to the students named to the fall 2022 Dean's List.

Regis congratulates the following students named to the fall 2022 Dean's List:

- **Blake Hiltz of Tewksbury**
- **Hailey Poirier of Tewksbury**

Regis College is a coed, Catholic university 12 miles west of Boston in Weston, Mass. With over 3,600 undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral students enrolled on campus and in fully online graduate programs, Regis provides an academically rigorous education within the schools of nursing, arts and sciences, business and communication, and health sciences.

The Young School of Nursing at Regis has consistently been recognized by the National League of Nursing as a Center of Excellence in Nursing Education. In line with Regis' mission of providing innovative, industry-focused learning opportunities, the university offers academic partnerships with hospitals and local employers, a clinical dental center in Waltham, and bachelor's completion and accelerated nursing programs at its campus in Lawrence, Mass.

The university's 20 NCAA Division III athletic teams compete within the Great Northeast Athletic Conference (GNAC). Inspired by the social justice values of its founders, the Sisters of St. Joseph of Boston, Regis engages with service initiatives within the local community and around the world. Visit *regiscollege.edu* to learn more.

Steinhoff named to Dean's List at Northern Vermont

TEWKSBURY — **Mollie Steinhoff of Tewksbury**, a student at Northern Vermont University in Vermont, was named to the Dean's List for the fall 2022 semester. Students who achieve between a 3.50 and 3.99 semester average are placed on the Dean's List.

Northern Vermont University is a two-campus institution of higher education that combines the best of our campuses' nationally recognized liberal arts and professional programs.

At Northern Vermont University, our goal is to guide curious, motivated, and engaged students on their paths to success and their places in the world. NVU Online offers flexible, affordable, high-quality options for learners pursuing their bachelor's and master's degrees as well as certificates.

NVU offers a full range of associates, bachelor's, and master's degrees as well as credit and non-credit certificates and professional development courses.

On July 1, 2023, Northern Vermont University will join together with Castleton University and Vermont Technical College to become Vermont State University, a reimagined higher education institution building on the strong legacies of its founding institutions.

Learn more at *NorthernVermont.edu*.

Lifestyle

St. Patrick's Day and the myth of the Leprechaun

By HEATHER BURNS
News Correspondent

Friday, March 17, celebrates all that is Irish with the observance of St. Patrick's Day.

This is a day for many to celebrate their Irish heritage, but is also a day of festivities and fun when everyone can be a little bit Irish for one day.

Four leaf clovers, boiled dinners and green beer may all be well known signs of this Irish holiday, however, none is more recognizable than the mischievous Irish Leprechaun!

The word Leprechaun is derived from the Irish Gaelic word "Leipreacgan" which loosely means a small spirit.

Known throughout Irish folklore as a trickster that can not be trusted, the Leprechaun is considered a degenerate fairy who is neither completely good nor completely evil. Despite his somewhat mean-spirited shenanigans, the Leprechaun can be generous when he is shown kindness from others.



▲ ► Once considered almost evil by Irish folklore and traditionally dressed in red, white and black, the modern day Leprechaun has transformed into a more commercially friendly ambassador of St. Patrick's Day. Now dressed from head to toe in green, the new image of the Leprechaun has appeared in Disney movies and is a spokesman for a popular breakfast cereal.

(Heather Burns photo, top right)

According to Myths and Folklore Wiki, the earliest known reference to the leprechaun appears in a medieval tale that translates to "The Adventures of Fergus, Son of Leti."

In this tale Fergus, the King of Ulster, is awoken from a nap on the beach to find himself being dragged into the sea by three Leprechauns. Fergus is able to free himself from his abductors and capture the three Leprechauns. The Leprechauns then barter with Fergus by granting him three wishes in exchange for their freedom.

Typically throughout Irish folklore, the Leprechaun's principal occupation has been that of a cobbler or shoe maker. He is also considered a loner and a somewhat unwanted member of the fairy community.

There are no records of a female Leprechaun, but this may be due to the time frame of these legends, as a shoe maker was considered a male's occupation and not a job typically held by a female.

Surprisingly, folklore before the 20th century depicts the Leprechaun to be dressed in red rather than his modern day attire of all green.

The exact costume and description of this whimsical creature varies from region to region according to Ireland's folklore.

He almost always is described as wearing some type of coat or jacket of red, white breeches, black stockings, shiny shoes, and as any cobbler would wear, he is always sporting a leather apron.

What is now known as a green top hat, his head fashions have historically ranged from a broad-brimmed pointed hat, to a brimless pointed cap or a jockey cap.



Physically, the Leprechaun is famously known to have the height of a tiny child, and can sometimes be described as fat, jolly and elf-like with a red beard, or as a more grumpy and wrinkled, bearded elf.

Despite having a humble vocation as a cobbler, the Leprechaun is known to possess a pot of gold.

Irish folklore states that fairies put a pot of gold at the end of each rainbow to be guarded by a Leprechaun. Each pot holds one gold coin for each year of the Leprechaun's life.

Legend has it that those who are lucky enough to find and capture a Leprechaun can barter his freedom by keeping his pot of gold.

To find the ever elusive Leprechaun, listen for the tap, tap, tap of his cobbler hammer while he sings a joyful tune.

It is also recommended to think like a trickster when plotting to catch a Leprechaun for his treasure, and set a trap using bright or shiny objects to lure him into captivity.

Although some of Irish descent may be annoyed by the tale of the Leprechaun and the unpleasant stereotype they can perpetuate, in Irish folklore the Leprechaun is meant to offer a moral warning against the folly of trying to get "rich quick" by means of trickery.

Despite this controversy, the legend of the magical Leprechaun has stood the test of time, but not without a few modern updates.

Once bordering on evil, the Leprechaun has transformed into a more sanitized version of his original self, becoming more commercially friendly.

In fact, the Leprechaun cleaned up his image so well that he was featured in the 1959 Disney movie "Darby O'Gill and the Little People," and has gain friendly notoriety as "Lucky the Leprechaun," the spokesperson for General Mills breakfast cereal Lucky Charms.

Today, the Leprechaun mainly shows his face only around the 17th of March as a fun and magical ambassador for St. Patrick's Day.

Although he is still known for his tricks, he is depicted more as a fun-loving, little elf that is dressed from head to toe in bright green.

This St. Patrick's Day, enjoy the celebration of Irish heritage by taking part in the historic folklore stories of the Leprechaun.

Visit your local library or research online the legend of the Leprechaun. It is a fun and educational way to get the younger ones involved in the St. Patrick's Day celebration, and you can create lasting memories that your children may one day pass down to their children.

To find easy St. Patrick's Day crafts and homemade Leprechaun trap ideas to make with your family, visit *https://www.thebestideasforkids.com.*

Explore a slice of the Pioneer Valley

By ROSALYN IMPINK
News Correspondent

As winter turns to spring, the Pioneer Valley of Massachusetts makes for a perfect location to get outside and explore, and there's no better place to make your homebase than the city of Northampton.

Tracing the path of the Connecticut River through Hampshire, Hampden, and Franklin counties, the Pioneer Valley has long been a hotspot for culture, food, and adventure west of Boston. Whether you're passing through on your way to New York or touring one of the dozens of iconic colleges in the region, Northampton and its surrounding areas offer plenty to see and do.

Northampton is easily accessible from either Route 2 or the Mass Pike. The city is home to prestigious Smith College, one of the Seven Sisters that has produced generations of great female leaders and thinkers. Nearby institutions include UMass Amherst, Mount Holyoke College, Amherst College, and Williams College.

If you're scoping out potential schools with your high schooler or just touring as a student of history or architecture, these campuses provide a great opportunity to dig into the academic scene in western Massachusetts.

Not to be missed is The Florence Pie Bar in the Northampton village of Florence. A former general store and later barber shop, the Pie Bar, which opened in 2015, was recently named one of the best pie shops in New England by Yankee Magazine. Pies are sold whole or by the slice, using ingredients from the region.

The rotating menu is seasonal, making this a destination all throughout the year; recent flavors included key lime, mixed berry, and chocolate ginger chess.

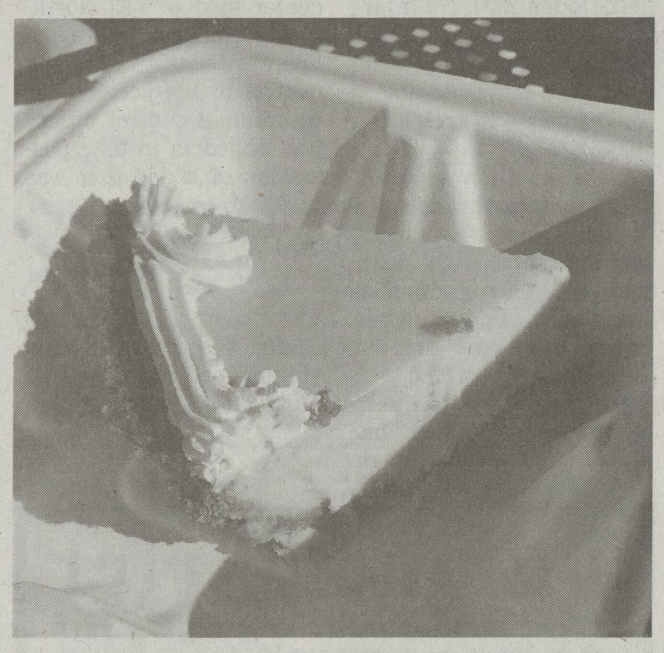
In addition to pie, the shop also sells baked goods, like galettes, rugelach, and tea cakes, as well as savory pies, quiche, and soups. Teas and coffees are available, and take-and-bake frozen items can be preordered. Take your pie out on the adjacent patio or save it for a post-lunch treat — it may be safer if you're prone to going back for seconds.

If you're looking for a way to burn all the calories off before heading home, Northampton has an extensive rail trail system for biking and walking. The Northampton Bikeway connects with the Manhan Rail Trail and the Norwottuck Rail Trail, an 11-mile paved rail trail along the former Boston & Maine Railroad, making it easy for visitors to extend their trip east into Amherst and south into Easthampton. Just southeast of Northampton is Mount Tom State Reservation, and east across the Connecticut River is Mount Holyoke Range State Park and Skinner State Park.



▲ The Florence Pie Bar was recently named one of the best pie bakeries in New England.

(Rosalyn Impink photos)



► Tangy, creamy key lime pie is one of the many seasonal flavors on rotation at the Florence Pie Bar in Northampton.

Northampton is reached via the Mohawk Trail, the first scenic road in New England. Following Route 2, this 63 mile byway was established in 1914 and traces an ancient indigenous footpath. Travelers will encounter sweeping vistas and endless opportunities to explore all that western Massachusetts has to offer.

For more information, visit *www.visithampshirecounty.com* and *www.mohawktrail.com.*

To order from the Florence Pie Bar, visit *www.florencepiebar.com.*

Annual rabies clinic

Wilmington annual Rabies Clinic at the Public Buildings Department, 30 Church St. on Saturday, April 1, 2023 from noon to 2 p.m.

Wilmington residents only. Dogs must be on a leash and cats in a carrier Cost: $10 per animal

For your convenience, the Town Clerk's Office will be available at the rabies clinic to process your 2023 dog license if you have not already done so.

Cost: $10 spayed/neutered, $15 non-spayed/non-neutered.

Remember, there is a late fee added after April 2, 2023.



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Tewksbury Police Log

Several people arrested for alleged thefts at Walmart

Monday, March 6

7:26 p.m. - A 911 caller reported the driver crossed the roadway hitting a stone wall at Mobil Kickstart. He stopped at the gas station at Shawsheen Street and East Street last seen driving toward Route 93. Police sent but gone on arrival.

8:16 p.m. - Caller reported a white truck in the area of Pike Street driving up and down the street. Police sent and checked the area. Vehicle was gone on arrival.

10:34 p.m. - A 911 caller reported the driver caused another vehicle to go off the roadway hitting something at River Road. The vehicle was last seen heading down Trull Road to Route 38. Police sent to check the area. All units cleared. They checked the area the length of River Road and the length of Trull Road. No vehicle showing off the roadway.

Tuesday, March 7

5:28 a.m. - A 911 caller stated there was an erratic driver at Main Street and Chandler Street aggressively heading into the opposite side of the traffic. Carller stated they were heading toward Lowell. Lowell Police Department has been notified. Police sent and reported the vehicle was gone on arrival.

10:59 a.m. - Male caller reported his mail has been forwarded to Pond Street without his consent. This has happened a couple of times in which he corrected this and reported it was happening again. He notified the police department who was investigating this matter. Police would contact the caller and they spoke with the resident.

3:41 p.m. - Caller reported she witnessed what she believed a road rage incident between a black truck and a white Honda Oddesy at Home Depot. No plates given. She reported both vehicle were driving erratically and ran a red light. The caller does not see the vehicles anymore. Police checked the area but were unable to locate.

4:56 p.m. - Stafff member at Vinfen, Inc reported he was told to call back when the party returned as he has a warrant arrest. Police sent. Christopher Defines, 34, of 7 Pondview Lane at Tewksbury, was arrested and charged with three warrants.

Wednesday, March 8

2:54 a.m. - Police sent for a 911 caller. People went in and out of her room that she does not know at Emerald Court. The front desk was aware of the situation and has been checking on the patient every hour. All units cleared and officer filed a report. The caller was confused, stemming from a previous fall with a head injury.

1:51 p.m. - Caller reported a male in a grey Chevy Equinox soliciting around Jefferson Road. Calling party stated that it was a bit suspicious and didn't believe them. Police sent. They confirmed it was a solicit for Sunrun. They were advised he needed to check in.

5:49 p.m. - Calling party asking for an officer to go to the area of Debra Drive because a male party was walking on the street and looking near the houses. She has never seen him before, described as an older male, wearing a dark cap, dark jacket and standing about 5'11." Police sent and the male party checked out.

10:02 p.m. - Calling party noticed the address on Candler Street has its cellar door wide open. The home has been abandoned and was supposed to be vacant. Police sent. There was no fresh prints leading into the house and it appeared that the door might have blown open by the wind. The door was now secure. Police sent and spoke with the caller.

Thursday, March 9

12:30 p.m. - Police off at Home Depot for an investigation. Drug unit out with two vehicles. Police cleared and unfounded.

1:06 p.m. - Front desk worker called and stated there was an unwanted person at Motel 6. The person would not answer their phone or answer the door. Police sent. The person was packing his belongings willingly, heading to stay with the housing assistance information. Police reported all units cleared and officer filed a report.

3:48 p.m. - Call for an unwanted male that has been sleeping in lodge and in hallways at Lodge at Ames Pond. Management asked for the officers to make contacts with them at the lodge first. Police sent and officer filed a report. Management reported a suspicious incident that occurred last night.

Friday, March 10

1:01 a.m. - Front desk called in a disturbance, reporting customer wanted a refund at Motel 6. Front desk would not refund. Yelling and swearing at the front desk. He went back to his room. Male in question described as white, mid-40s or 50s wearing a blue vest. Police sent. Party was gone on arrive.

Saturday, March 11

6:08 a.m. - A 911 caller reported a male party was banging on her door at Flemming Residence. Police sent. Units advised the male party used to reside at this address and was intoxicated. The male was placed into protective custody and placed into the custody of his father who arrived at the scene.

7:55 a.m. - Caller at Motel 6 stated her friend stole her car. Police sent. Courtney Grant, 38, of 90 Coolidge St. in Lawrence, was arrested and charged with operation motor vehicle with license suspended and use motor vehicle without authority.

1:40 p.m. - Asset protection from Walmart reported they have a female party in self checkout who was under scanning, who they previously issued notice of trespass to and was repeat offender. Police sent. Kareema Bowman-Jones, 27, of 200 Massmills Drive in Lowell, was arrested and charged with shoplifting by asportation and trespassing.

Sunday, March 12

1:56 p.m. - Call from loss prevention for two males in their late 20s that attempted to steal a pair of $20 headphones at Walmart. Police sent. Christoper Duchi-Cajamarca, 27 of Tewksbury, was arrested and charged with shoplifting by concealing. Ronny Duchi-Cajamarca, 24, from Tewksbury, was arrested and charged with shoplifting by concealing.

Wilmington Police Log

Man arrested for allegedly throwing computer

Friday, March 3:

2:28 a.m.: William Joseph O'Brien Jr. of 38 Crimson Road in Billerica was issued a summons for Negligent Operation of a Motor Vehicle and Speeding at a Rate Exceeding the Posted Limit. This followed a motor vehicle rollover at Chestnut Street involving a gray 2011 Chevy Silverado. Property damage was caused to a guardrail and the operator was initially trapped inside.

6:31 a.m.: Robert Alexander Peguero Fermin of 2 Museum Sq., Apartment #412 in Lawrence was issued a summons for Uninsured Motor Vehicle and Unregistered Motor Vehicle. This followed a stop of the party's brown 2013 Honda Civic on Middlesex Avenue and Longview Road.

5:58 p.m.: Rocky M. Veliz of 84 Sycamore St., Apartment #2 in Somerville was arrested for OUI - Liquor (2nd offense) and Negligent Operation of a Motor Vehicle. This followed a motor vehicle collision between a white 2020 Lincoln Corsair and a black 2012 Dodge 2500. No injuries were reported and bail was set at $25,040.

Saturday, March 4:

6:19 a.m.: DPW reported that a tree branch on Jacquith Road was downed and took some wires down with it. Police confirmed the report, finding wires down across the road in front of a house which they were unable to detach. Verizon was notified and stated that driving over the wires was safe.

11:03 a.m.: A mailbox on Woburn Street was snapped at the base, seemingly from a snowplow.

6:15 p.m.: Gilbar Ovidio of 809 Essex St. in Lawrence was issued a summons for Unlicensed Operation of a Motor Vehicle, Speeding at a Rate Exceeding Posted Limit, and Failure to Stop/Yield. This followed a stop of the party's 2016 Nissan Rogue on Lowell Street and Woodland Road.

Sunday, March 5:

12:48 p.m.: A tree limb was downed on Ballardvale Street and was blocking the travel lane. Police removed the branch and resumed the flow of traffic.

6:29 p.m.: A motor vehicle collision occurred between a white 2017 Ford Escape and a deer on Aldrich Road. The deer ran off into the woods after the incident and was unable to be located.

9:04 p.m.: A motor vehicle collision occurred in the center lane of I-93 Northbound Highway. State police were notified and took control of the scene after the animal control officer was called in to take possession of a dog that was involved.

Monday, March 6:

9:38 a.m.: A black 2019 Honda Accord had its tires stolen overnight while parked at Hyundai on Main Street.

10:09 a.m.: Russell Lee Luther of 296 Woburn St. was arrested for Warrant All Others. This followed a stop of the party's black 1995 Honda Accord on Woburn Street and Crystal Road. The vehicle was towed and a citation issued for a Red Light Violation.

10:24 p.m.: Bernall Geffrard Joseph of 4132 Inwood Dr. in Woburn was issued a summons for Operation of a Motor Vehicle with a Suspended License, Failure to Stop/Yield, and License Not in Possession. This followed a stop and tow of the party's black 2017 Lexus GS on Shawsheen Avenue and Houghton Road.

Tuesday, March 7:

6:13 a.m.: The owner of Atlantic Plant Maintenance Inc. on Industrial Way reported that a catalytic converter had been stolen from a white 2015 Chevy Express van.

3:14 p.m.: A resident on Horseshoe Lane reported that their white 2020 Kawasaki EX400 motorcycle had been stolen. Police came to the scene and filed a report, entering the vehicle into the NCIC.

4:29 p.m.: William Henry Perry of 35 Oakridge Circle was arrested for Assault and Battery with a Dangerous Weapon and Vandalizing Property. This followed a report from Main Street in which a caller stated that a patron picked up a computer and tried to throw it at them. The prisoner was bailed.

Wednesday, March 8:

7:03 a.m.: Roberto Rosa Rivera Jr. of 1 Grove St., Apartment #1 in Lawrence was issued a summons for Operation of a Motor Vehicle with a Suspended License, Motor Vehicle Lights Violation, Failure to Wear a Seat Belt, and Speeding in Violation of Special Regulations. This followed a stop of the party's gray 2007 Audi A6 on Salem Street.

1:30 p.m.: An officer reported that a wire was hanging low, but still from pole to pole on Church Street. The officer placed caution tape on the wire and contacted Comcast.

11:08 p.m.: An employee of CVS on Main Street. reported ongoing shoplifting by a female party who gave the items to a male party in a brown 2009 Toyota Corolla before returning to the store. By the time police arrived, the $38 worth of items were returned and both parties were issued a trespass order.

Thursday, March 9:

12:36 a.m.: Police attempted to remove an obstruction from the roadway on Lowell Street. The obstruction appeared to be a fake Christmas tree and was moved to the side of the road.

5:46 p.m.: A motor vehicle collision occurred on Lowell Street and Woburn Street between a black 2015 Acura ILX and a black 2019 Ram 1500. Airbags were deployed and both vehicles were towed. Both operators turned down medical attention.

Tewksbury police officer injured during an assault

TEWKSBURY — Police Chief Ryan Columbus reports that the Tewksbury Police Department arrested and charged a Lowell man with injuring an officer, along with other charges.

Angel Luis Perez Rosario, 35, of Lowell, was arrested and charged with:

- Possession of a Class A Drug (Fentanyl)
- Larceny Under $1,200
- Possession of a Class E Drug (Xanax)
- Resisting Arrest
- Assault and Battery of a Police Officer
- Warrant

On Thursday, March 2 at approximately 8:05 p.m., Tewksbury Police received reports from Marshalls Loss Prevention of an individual who was allegedly attempting to shoplift from the Marshalls store on Main Street.

Upon arrival, officers spoke with employees who stated that a man, later identified as Perez Rosario, was allegedly putting on merchandise and filling up a carriage while walking past the registers, showing no intention to pay.

Officers on scene observed Perez Rosario allegedly wearing stolen merchandise leaving the store. While officers were attempting to speak with him, Perez Rosario allegedly fled the scene on foot. Officers ordered him to stop and when he did not, they pursued him on foot. Rosario allegedly struck an officer in the chest. Several officers were able to bring him into custody as he resisted.

The officer who was struck in the chest was transported to a local hospital, where it was determined the officer suffered a broken rib from the assault.

While conducting a search of Perez Rosario's person, officers located a small plastic bag containing a brown powdery substance, which was determined to be Fentanyl, as well as pills that were determined to be Xanax, for which Perez Rosario does not have a prescription.

Perez Rosario was taken to the Tewksbury Police Station for booking where it was determined that he also had a warrant out for his arrest through Lowell District Court.

Perez Rosario appeared in Lowell District Court Friday, where he was released on $500 cash bail.

These are all allegations. All suspects are innocent until proven guilty.

Tewksbury Police charge man with trafficking cocaine

TEWKSBURY — Police Chief Ryan Columbus reports that the Tewksbury Police Department arrested and charged a Lowell man with trafficking cocaine.

Tricelle Durham, 56, of Lowell, was arrested and charged with:

- Trafficking Cocaine (36-100 Grams)
- Possession of Cocaine with Intent to Distribute
- Violation of an Abuse Prevention Order

On Thursday, March 9, at approximately 7:22 p.m., Tewksbury Police responded to a motel at 95 Main St. for a report of a domestic argument.

On scene, police discovered Durham and a female who were arguing, and determined that Durham was subject to an abuse prevention order that required him to stay away from the female.

While arresting Durham, officers discovered 63 grams of cocaine and 11 grams of crack cocaine on Durham.

Durham was arraigned Friday in Lowell District Court, where he was ordered held on $5,000 cash bail. Durham's bail on a previously pending case was also revoked, and he was ordered to abide by the protection from abuse order if he posts bail in the future.

These are allegations. All suspects are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Three Wilmington students named to Tufts Dean's List

MEDFORD — Tufts University recently announced the dean's list for the Fall 2022 semester.

Among students earning dean's list honors is/are:

- **Aaliyah Abel of Wilmington**, Class of 2025
- **Alex Flynn of Wilmington**, Class of 2026
- **Evy Miller-Nuzzo of Wilmington**, Class of 2024

Dean's list honors at Tufts University require a semester grade point average of 3.4 or greater.

Tufts University, located on campuses in Boston, Medford/Somerville and Grafton, Massachusetts, and in Talloires, France, is recognized among the premier research universities in the United States. Tufts enjoys a global reputation for academic excellence and for the preparation of students as leaders in a wide range of professions. A growing number of innovative teaching and research initiatives span all Tufts campuses, and collaboration among the faculty and students in the undergraduate, graduate, and professional programs across the university's schools is widely encouraged.

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Brand updates com. on Wildwood

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he appreciated the effort, he said that the renovation is already incorporated in a different capital item placed on the warrant.

Brand also provided an update on the MSBA process for the Wildwood, which he explained is at the stage of identifying a designer. He expected a contract to be in place by the end of April and work to ensure after that. The MSBA would also be involved in the selection process.

Plowman asked if it was strange to receive only three proposals, but Ragsdale replied that it seemed like most of the firms who reached out saw the scope of the project and realized they couldn't deliver.

Brand mentioned that the designer would go through the process of educational visioning and in doing so bring together widespread members of the community. This would involve considering the future of the town's schools and what grades should be grouped together. IT Director Ken Lord added that they would consider every option for the new school.

They would also be inviting more members onto the Wildwood Building Committee. Brand anticipated this process involving long in-person community feedback sessions to shape the decisions.

Ragsdale explained that they'd asked each potential designer to give preliminary ideas for different consolidations of schools including both kindergarten through grade three and kindergarten through grade five.

Turner proposed making a vision for both sides of town and using it for the next few school projects. Brand agreed that the designer would evaluate grade consolidations and grade shifts, creating a plan for the whole town's buildings.

Assistant Superintendent Paul Ruggiero said that the visioning piece would also incorporate curriculum and special education in terms of classrooms.

Lamplighters Guild ready to 'rock' out later this month

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be a Lamplighter," said Caroline Donovan, grade 8, who will be playing a role of a student ensemble member in the production.

"In and out of drama the whole cast is like a family," said Chloe Harbert-Serafino, grade 10, who is playing the role of Rosalie Mullins. "Whether we are singing as an ensemble, rehearsing scenes individually, or laughing over something one of us mixed up, everyone seems to get along and create bonding memories as a group. I look forward to rehearsal because of all the wonderful and talented people that belong to our cast and crew."

Several roles in "School of Rock" require the actors to play live instruments on stage as part of the student rock band.

J.T. Kilburn, grade 10, has been a member of both the concert and jazz bands at WHS, and is now taking on the role as drummer Freddy Hamilton in the production.

Kilburn said of his role, "One of the more challenging aspects of the rehearsals so far has been having to switch between performing with the rest of the cast and drumming with the band. It's a bit of a balancing act, but it's still a very fun and unique experience."

Allison Hall, grade 9, is taking on the musical role of piano player Lawrence Turner.

She has experience as a musician as a member of both the high school jazz band and rock ensemble, and is excited to put her musical talent to use on stage.

"When I found out that we were going to perform School of Rock the Musical, I jumped at the chance to play piano live on stage, as it would be an amazing opportunity and make me a better musician," said Hall.

"School of Rock - The Musical" will be performed at the Joanne M. Benton Auditorium at the Wilmington High School, located at 159 Church St., at 7 p.m. on March 23, 24 and 25, with an additional 1 p.m. matinee show on Saturday, March 25.

Tickets are $15 general admission, $10 for students and senior citizens, and free for WPS staff with ID. Tickets may be purchased in advance online at *wpsk12.ludus.com*. Early purchase is recommended for best seating. Any remaining tickets will be sold at the door.

The WHS Drama program relies on ticket sales, donations and fundraisers to operate.

The show's producer, Julie Hall would like to thank the community for their support of the middle school drama program, and hopes for the same continued support for the high school Lamplighters Drama Guild.

"Over the last decade, community support seems to have waned somewhat for our high school drama program, and we really want to reverse that trend with 'School of Rock.' Audience attendance is vitally important to the ongoing success of the program," said Hall.

"Please help us fill the house and show these hard-working, talented students the support they deserve!"

Crunch time to nominate someone as the 'Good Guy'

WILMINGTON —Nominations for the 2023 Wilmington Good Guy Award are due by March 24 at 5 p.m.

Don't miss out on this opportunity to nominate your favorite Wilmington Good Guy to be honored on Friday, May 12, 2023 at 7 p.m. at the Wilmington Knights of Columbus.

What makes these folks so special in our community? You know them when you meet them. They are involved in multiple activities around town and often do so without being asked. They step up when there is a need and often take on a leadership role.

Tell us how your nominee makes Wilmington a better place to live. Do your part and let us know about the good things that they do here in town.

Nomination letters can be sent to Wilmington Good Guy c/o 3 Franklin Ave. in Wilmington or by email to *wilmingtongoodguy@gmail.com*

All nomination letter writers will be advised during the following week as to whether their candidate has been selected. Perhaps your letter will push your nominee to the top of the list and we hope that you can be there when they are honored.

Keep in mind that an individual serving in a paid or elected position for the town cannot be nominated in connection with the activities for which they are being recognized.

Five weeks until the April 22 annual spring town election

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deadline to register to vote. For those who need to register to vote and want to do so in time for the annual town election, they must do so by April 12 at 5 p.m.

Links to register to vote and to check voting registration are available on the Wilmington MA website.

For those voting by mail, they must send in their application to do so by April 17 at 5 p.m., and must have their completed ballot in the Town Hall by 8 p.m. on election day.

The forms for absentee voting, vote by mail and the instructions for voting by mail are also available on the Wilmington MA website.

Finally, the annual town election will be held on April 22, 2023. Voting will take place in various polling locations between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m.

The polling locations for precincts 1, 2,and 3 will be at the Boutwell School, and precincts 4, 5, and 6 will be voting at Town Hall. Those who are unsure of what district they fall in can check the Precinct Map located on the Wilmington MA Website.

As the election cycle for 2023 continues, it is important for residents to continue to stay updated and participate in local elections and affairs, as the change one wants to see in their communities begins on a local level.

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Residents, committee debate merits of changing holiday name

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reed that she didn't want this issue to become political. She proposed including both holiday names on the schedule.

LaConte challenged the committee to let the town be ahead of the state and federal governments in terms of changing the holiday name.

Bryson maintained her opinion that they should change the name to acknowledge indigenous people in connection to their strategic plan and equity goals. She proposed two new versions of the calendar be created to reflect options with name changes for their next meeting where they would vote on the matter.

Ragsdale then recalled his opinion from the first reading where he suggested the last day before winter break be made into a full day of school. Brand gave them information on the absenteeism on that day compared to the day before February break.

A few committee members supported keeping the half day, saying that traveling for Christmas is unavoidable. The vote on amending to a full day passed 4-3.

The first two public comments that night spoke in favor of exchanging Columbus Day for Indigenous Peoples' Day. The first commenter recognized that Italian Americans began observing the holiday as a way to emphasize that they were part of the start of the United States.

She also referenced stories of how Columbus and his brothers enslaved, brutalized, and murdered local populations to the point where they were returned to their home country and imprisoned. She suggested finding another way to celebrate Italian heritage and avoid idolizing someone responsible for murder.

The second resident brought up atrocities committed by Columbus including imprisonment and rape of women, selling people into slavery, and beheading Native American leaders.

"What are we saying to Indigenous peoples by celebrating a man who represented rape and torture for their ancestors?" She asked.

She urged the committee to change the holiday to celebrate a more deserving group of people.

The committee allowed further public comments as more community members joined the meeting later that night to oppose the changing of the holiday name.

Kevin Caira claimed that there are many false books and claims about Columbus, including that he enslaved indigenous people. He suggested that Columbus made friends with the Taino natives he encountered. He wanted to see Columbus celebrated for his navigation skills, discovering the continent, and starting the immigration to the new world.

Another resident shared that she felt offended by the idea of removing the celebration of Italian-American heritage of which she was proud. She recalled a similar conversation that happened last year which brought feedback from the community and led to no change in the schedule.

The last commenter suggested the holiday honor all peoples and express both sides instead of swapping celebrating one for the other.

RMLD announces good news for customers

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that are being driven by local and state "decarbonization" goals.

In order to minimize the impact of the cost increase, the elected officials agreed to delay the effective date of the billing increases until the end of the winter heating season.

Thanks to a mild New England winter, which drove down regional energy demands, most RMLD consumers, who consume around 812 kilowatt hours of electricity each billing period, will see their monthly bills climb by around $8.69 to $138.47. Under the previous fee schedule released in January, customers monthly costs would have climbed by around $13 a month to $151.30.

With rates being based on customer classes, residential customers can expect a 6.2 percent (rather than a 9.3 percent) increase in monthly bills, while residential "time-of-use" clients will see an estimated 3.9 percent (as opposed to a 6.8 percent) increase. Commercial and industrial classes will see rates go up by 8.3 (rather than 9.3) and 1.6 percent (instead of nine percent), respectively.

School customers should see monthly bills climb by roughly two percent, (instead of 4.4 percent).

"RMLD notified customers in January that average monthly bills were estimated to increase by an average of nine percent across all rate classes with the rate change effective March 1, 2023. However, lower fuel, capacity, and transmission costs will help keep 2023 monthly bills only five percent above 2022 monthly bills, averaged across all rate classes," the municipal utility explained in Tuesday's announcement.

Last July, RMLD increased its electricity rates in the face of rocketing supply costs. That increase, which translated to a 12 percent increase, was expected to drive up average residential customers' annual bills by around $180.

In 2021, a typical household was charged approximately $118 a month for electricity service — or about $20 less than the latest monthly bill estimates.

PAC raises more than $2,000 to help stock breakrooms

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stage as a 501c3 nonprofit organization, raising over $2,200 from a donation campaign of Superbowl squares. This allowed the group to restock the staff breakrooms at the high school with snacks and drinks and hold a staff appreciation luncheon. The luncheon featured a prize wheel and shoutouts written by students. Their next event will be sponsoring an ice cream party for the class that gets the most points in an upcoming March Madness competition.

They welcomed any interested parents, students, and teachers to find them on Facebook, send donations via Venmo, or reach out via email if they want to volunteer. They hoped that parents would be more willing to commit to a smaller obligation. While they haven't set up a meeting schedule yet, they planned to begin quarterly meetings.

The committee seemed to agree that opening up opportunities for parents to volunteer would help to bridge the space between home and school.

Superintendent Dr. Glenn Brand assured the committee that these efforts brought great response from the high school staff already.

A few key items up for approval that night were WEF grant awards and the WHS program of studies. Melissa Plowman brought up the grant money awarded to district staff of almost $15,000 toward curriculum and additional grants in other areas. Chair Dr. Jenn Bryson read out the various grants, and then the committee approved them.

A small formatting mistake and missed corrections were brought up to be corrected before the WHS program of studies for 2023-2024 was approved.

Under the revolving account for fiscal year 2023, Assistant Superintendent Paul Ruggiero explained that there was a charge placed mistakenly which put an account in the red.

Brand shared school safety updates that had been made recently in terms of training and facilities. They provided ALICE training to the entire staff and student body, bomb threat training to administrative assistants, and first aid training to first aid staff. Facilities updates included redeployment of safety buckets for lockdown and emergency readiness, expanding the RAPTOR management system to all schools, completing an interior door lock audit, and replacing the Aiphone systems at all elementary schools allowing the front office to communicate about visitors.

IT Director Ken Lord detailed an overview of the "I Love U Guys" unification training which he and several school resource and police officers attended. He mentioned that the procedures were provided for any type of event, including nonviolent ones, regarding the reunification of students to their parents. There were drills and tabletop exercises completed.

Brand maintained that a firm plan is crucial to these incidents going well.

"When you as a parent/guardian send your child to school, they are in our care until they return home," he said.

He assured the community that this program would help the school to create a solid plan for evacuation of schools.

M.J. Byrnes asked if the protocol changed from not releasing the reunification sites in advance to avoid them becoming targets. Lord replied that the program encourages the district to share the sites with parents so that they know what to do in these events.

"There has never been an incident where multiple schools are attacked at the same time," he continued.

However, police would be at the evacuation site and at the home site to prevent parents going to the impacted school.

Stephen Turner agreed that it was important for parents to see that the district has a process in place.

Jesse Fennelly asked Lord to explain the safety bucket contents. He answered that these would contain things like rope, a door stop, a glass breaker, duct tape, an emergency blanket, and some first aid materials. Its purpose is to allow the teacher to barricade the room in the appropriate situation. The materials may be necessary for the adjoining room doors.

The only subcommittee report came from Plowman saying that CPAC had recently held a workshop on dyslexia and would meet again the following week.

The committee's next meeting will be on March 22 at 7 p.m.



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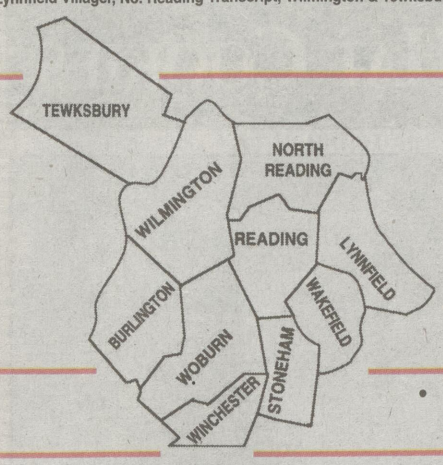


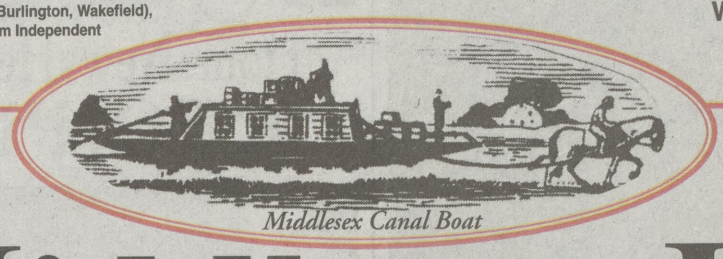
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Winchester and Reading look to reduce total trash tonnage...

Communities struggling with soaring waste disposal costs



ROLL OUT THE BARREL - Town Manager Fidel Maltez shows off an example of a 64-gallon trash container that would be issued to all Reading households under a proposed switch to a standardized barrel system. A nearly identical container would also be given to town residents for recycling purposes under the plan. (Bob Holmes photo)

By PATRICK BLAIS

In a sign of just how bad inflation has gotten in recent years, town leaders in three Middlesex East area communities say even the costs associated with throwing out trash are beginning to spiral out of control.

In early February, municipal officials in Burlington, Reading, and Winchester all noted that local garbage disposal costs have risen dramatically since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, when waste management contractors began warning of manpower shortages and equipment and supply-chain issues.

Each community has since plugged a different solution to address the situation. In Winchester, where residents cart their own garbage to a town transfer station, the Select Board has suggested the implementation of a new pay-as-you-throw (PAYT) system where citizens will pay for each bag of trash being thrown away.

Similarly looking to reduce the total amount of refuse being dumped across town, Reading, which like most area communities relies upon a third-party contractor to pickup resident's garbage, is exploring a switch to standardized trash and recycling containers. Per an initial proposal floated by Reading Town Manager Fidel Maltez, every household in town would be able to toss out 64-gallons of garbage each week under the change. Households that generate more refuse would be able to procure a second 64-gallon trash barrel for an extra fee or purchase special town-issued trash bags at local stores.

"By issuing these carts, it will change behavior and encourage more recycling... Our current contract with [our waste management hauler] says they can pickup 120 gallons of trash per home, but that's not a sustainable practice," Maltez explained in a phone interview early last month.

Meanwhile, in Burlington, which like Reading employs the services of trash hauler Republic Services, the town is looking to buddy-up with neighboring Tewksbury and Tyngsborough to sign a five-year contract extension.

With Burlington's existing services contract set to expire on June 30, town officials like DPW Business Manager Rachel Leonardo have warned that supply-

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Movie Reviews & Box Office News

'Scream VI' goes to the big city and strikes out

By MARK KENNEDY
AP Entertainment Writer

In "Scream VI," the psychotic, knife-wielding serial killer known as Ghostface is set loose on the streets of New York City. Yawn.

The former terror of the fictional California town of Woodsboro has made the cross-country trip to the City That Never Sleeps, bringing his creepy mask, black cloak and impressive supply of daggers. But he's lost in the big city, a slasher made small in his new playground.

No disrespect to Mr. Stabby-Stabby, but New York is where you get screamed at by a deranged hot dog vendor, have fist-fights over midtown parking, pay $8 for a pack of gum and find approximately six public bathrooms for 8 million people. Ghostface, dude, up your scare game in the Big Apple. This is the city where Pizza Rat lives. This is a city where middle schoolers have nunchucks.

Despite the change of scenery, "Scream VI" is less a sequel and more a stutter-step, a half-movie with some very satisfying stabbings but no real progress or even movement. It's like treading water in gore. And to fully enjoy this "sequel to the requel," you need to have watched most of the others.

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READING MUSICIAN DERIC DYER performs at a benefit event at the Regent Theatre in April. The show will assist the Hidden Battles Foundation helping Veteran's and First Responders dealing with PTSD and related issues. (Courtesy photo)

Saturday, April 22, 8 p.m. in Arlington

World traveler and Reading musician Deric Dyer to perform at Regent Theatre

Rockin' 4 Vets, a New England based concert promoter, along with Alive & Kicking Productions will be partnering in bringing together a spectacular benefit event at Regent Theatre in Arlington on Saturday April 22nd at 8pm. The event is to assist Hidden Battles Foundation (HiddenBattlesFoundation.org), a Lowell based organization, involved with helping Veteran's and First Responders dealing with PTSD and related issues.

Featured in this show will be Reading's, Deric Dyer. Born in Ireland and raised in England until 1967, before moving to Bermuda - where his music career began. In Spring of 1975, after meeting Cliff Goodwin and joining the American Standard Band, Deric moved to America. Just two years later, ASB would become Joe Cocker's band. Playing in Joe's horn section with the legendary Bobby Keys, "Rolling Stones, Stevie Wonder" Deric learned the art of Rock/R&B sax. This proved an invaluable experience for what was to come. After a couple of years with Joe, Deric left to play and record with many of the best of Boston's music scene, a highlight recording with Rick Ocasek of The Cars on his first solo album.

Deric's next life-changing opportunity came in January 1987, when he had the good fortune to audition for Rock & Roll Hall of Famer-Tina Turner. He spent an amazing two years as part of her Break Every Rule World Tour, and when Tina was paired with Joe Cocker on Summer festival shows in Germany, Deric and Joe rekindled their friendship. Deric wasn't home long from TT tour when promoter Michael Lang (Woodstock Promoter) called to ask if he would like to re-join Joe and the rest of the band for the Unchain My Heart World Tour.

Deric working with Executive Producer Rich Kneeland produced the Trilbee Kings album, Deric started by finding the perfect songs to record. With three never released tunes and five classic reinterpreted covers, Deric & Rich, with some of the best musicians in the world, headed of to Los Angeles to record at the famous Sunset Sound Studios. Deric adds the icing to the cake with his legendary sax. Soaring melodic solos and creative horn section work adds the final and captivating sounds to the Trilbee Kings Album.

Legendary New England Blues Artist James Montgomery will bring a ROCK n' ROLL CIRCUS to the Regent Theatre for 1-Night Only on Saturday April 22nd.

The line-up features ionic guitarist JON BUTCHER, along with front man, BRIAN TEMPLETON, formerly of the Radio Kings and currently the Delta Generators and The Proven Ones. Finally, special guest Big Brother and the Holding Company's KATE RUSSO will be on stage joining with the others.

Supporting this great line-up will be DYER, GOODWIN, CHAKOUR compromised of a who's who of great New England musicians DERIC DYER, CLIFF GOODWIN, MITCH CHAKOUR, MARTY RICHARDS and MARTY BALLOU, current members of the Shaboo All-Stars and former members of bands such as Joe Cocker, Tina Turner, J. Geils, Peter Wolf and the Joe Perry Project.

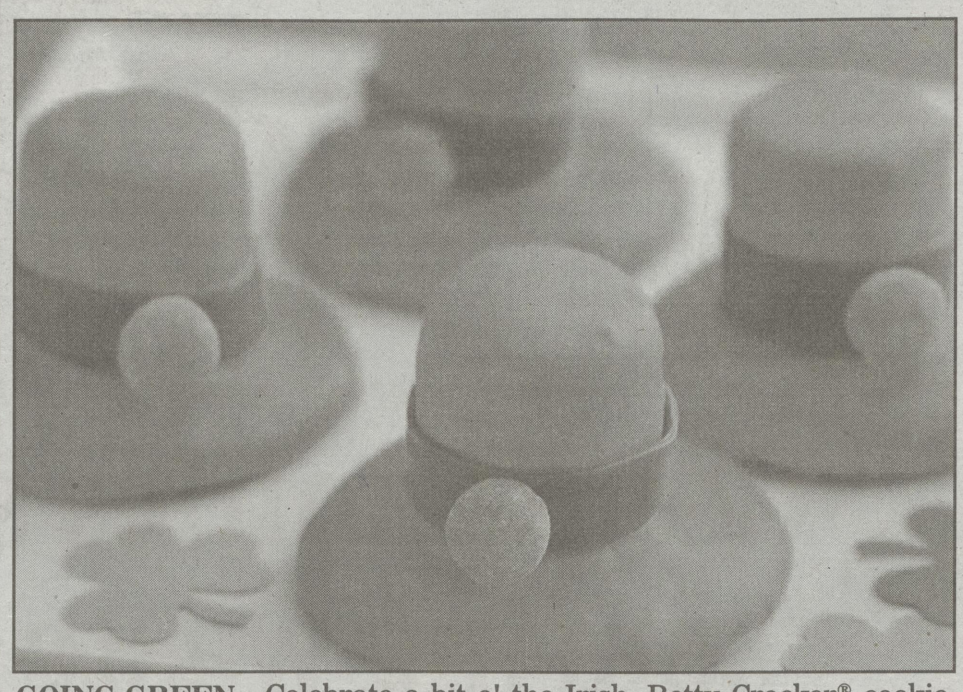
With a line-up like this you can expect some classic Montgomery songs, some Jon Butcher Axis tunes along with a mix of some great R&B classics. But you can also be looking forward to some Winter, Cocker and Janis songs mixed in for good measure and with some luck some Hendrix and Tina.

This show is being produced by Rockin' 4 Vets and Alive & Kicking Productions, who produce benefit concerts throughout New England to provide support to organizations assisting Vets with issues related to PTSD, addiction, and homelessness.

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Leprechaun Hat Cookies



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STEPS

1. Heat oven to 375°F. In medium bowl, stir cookie mix, butter and egg until soft dough forms. Roll dough in 24 (1-inch) balls. On ungreased cookie sheets, place 2 inches apart.

2. Bake 10 to 12 minutes or until edges are light golden brown. Immediately place marshmallow on each cookie. Remove from cookie sheets to cooling racks. Cool completely, about 15 minutes.

3. In microwavable bowl, microwave frosting on High 30 seconds. Stir; frosting should be a thick spoonable glaze. Stir food color into frosting, adding more if needed to achieve desired color. Spoon warm frosting over each cookie, coating completely and allowing excess to drip off. Let stand 20 minutes to set.



4. Roll chocolate candies into ropes. Flatten with rolling pin into 1/8-inch-thick ribbons. Cut into strips with scissors to resemble hat bands; arrange around base of marshmallow on each cookie. Cut gumdrops crosswise in half (reshaping as needed). Press cut side onto hat band. Lift cookies onto serving platter with pancake turner, leaving excess frosting behind. Store in airtight container.

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- 24 small (1-inch) chewy chocolate candies
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chain problems, soaring fuel prices, landfill closures, and manpower shortages are all pressuring hauling and disposal costs. In fact, the pressures on the industry are so severe that Republic Services officials have reportedly suggested the may not be able to renew the contract until 2024.

"The market conditions and staffing issues have us thinking of the future and how we can save on costs for Burlington while giving residents the best service possible," Leonardo told the town's Select Board during a Town Hall meeting earlier this winter.

"Come budget time, we will find a way to make it work," Burlington Select Board member Michael Espejo also said of the contract talks. "I want to keep the current services and not charge any more fees to residents, who are already paying enough in taxes. Lets keep it as is and maintain services for residents."

First signs of trouble

Back at the start of 2022, municipal officials in Reading, Wakefield, Peabody, and Salem caught their first hint that the waste hauling industry was facing extraordinary pandemic-related pressures after garbage contractor JRM acknowledged it didn't have enough workers to staff garbage trucks.

The staffing shortages, though exacerbated by a winter surge in COVID-19 infections, reportedly also related to disruptions at outside dumping sites, including scheduling problem's at Covanta's Haverhill incinerator site where Reading's waste is carted.

With those disruptions lasting for a few weeks, problems again arose for many area communities again in the following fall, shortly after Republic Services, which purchased JRM Hauling, officially assumed responsibility for all of the shuttered Peabody company's municipal refuse contracts.

Beginning in October, hundreds of town residents began lodging complaints in Reading Town Hall about missed household trash and recycling pickups.

With authorities in Lawrence and Plaistow, N.H. calling out the vendor for nearly identical problems, Maltez seized control of the situation by mobilizing Reading's DPW to assume the contractor's responsibilities.

When the crisis extended into its third week, an incensed Maltez - who before coming to Reading served as Chelsea's DPW commissioner - threatened to cancel the Republic Services' contract for non-performance.

Ultimately, the Arizona-based corporation, which reported $11 billion in revenue in 2021, got the manpower and equipment needed to resolve the crisis by the start of November.

However, as revealed by town manger in the months ahead, the crisis ended up exposing the breadth of the challenges facing the industry as a whole.

Trash costs expected to soar

As Maltez explained to the Select Board during a series of Town Hall discussions in December and early January, while trying to secure the services of another third-party hauler to take over the town's $1.25 million a year contract last fall, he and DPW officials were absolutely floored by the bids being submitted by competitors.

Suggesting annual refuse disposal expenses could climb by more than $1 million a year unless the town dramatically changes its approach to the service, Maltez last month introduced his plan to curb expenses by procuring some 14,718 standardized trash and recycling containers.

"The costs are increasing. Luckily, Reading is locked into a contract until 2026, but what we're hearing from competitors is they want Reading to go to an automated pickup. It's a truck with a robotic arm that picks up [these standardized containers], and it's a major savings for the hauler," the town manager explained in an interview last month.

"We have to plan for the future because the train is coming," Reading's Assistant DPW Director Chris Cole later warned the Select Board at a meeting in early February.

Reading Town Meeting members are being asked later this spring to appropriate roughly $900,000 to cover the bill associated with purchasing the new barrels, which will be issued to every household in the community.

Residents whose families generate a considerable amount of trash each week can also opt to lease a second garbage barrel for a still-to-be-determined charge that is expected to range between $150 and $200. For those doing a fall or spring cleanup or throwing a party where extra trash is generated, the town will also reportedly sell 30-gallon overflow bags in local grocery and convenience stores for between $2 to $3.

During a meeting last week in Town Hall, Maltez informed the Select Board he is also considering the possibility of purchasing smaller trash containers after receiving feedback from senior citizens and others who believe they won't come close to generating 64-gallons of garbage each week.

According to the town officials, besides negotiating a new trash hauling contract in 2026, Reading will also need to secure a new "tipping" agreement with trash incinerator company Covanta in 2025. Currently, Reading is paying around $63 a ton to drop off trash at the Haverhill incinerator plant, but that base rate is also expected to climb dramatically.

The switch to the new barrels will ensure Reading is doing all it can to reduce that total tonnage, as the new containers are about half the size of the approximate 120-gallons of refuse each household presently carts to the curb each week.

This year, the town appropriated $635,000 to cover tipping fees.

Winchester officials are also exploring a switch to a PAYT system, in which residents will pay for a transfer station sticker and $1 to $2 for each 33-gallons of refuse disposed of there, in order to reduce costs.

The proposal was brought before Winchester's Select Board last month after the town experimented with the new model through a Mass. Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) pilot program.

"The pay for what they use, just like electricity and gas. It's the most effective tool to reduce waste," MassDEP representative Julia Greene told Winchester's Select Board during a meeting last month.

Though the Select Board has not yet officially decided to make the change, it did authorize Winchester Town Manager Beth Rudolph and Transfer Station Manager Nick Parlee to apply for a state grant to explore the concept further. The application is due to the state back by early June.

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REVIEW

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The four main survivors from the fifth "Scream" are all here a year later — the Carpenter sisters, Sam and Tara (Melissa Barrera and Jenna Ortega) and the smug brother-and-sister duo played by Mason Gooding and Jasmin Savoy Brown. They dub themselves the Core Four. "Survivors got to stick together," says the brother.

The same directing team of Matt Bettinelli-Olpin and Tyler Gillett return, as well as the writers James Vanderbilt and Guy Busick, who this time layer in some critiques of social media and fame. Courteney Cox is back, too, the last original cast member — or "a legacy," as she's called — to appear in the franchise. That may not be such a boastable thing.

Sam Carpenter is firmly in the crosshairs of Ghostface — or more than one Ghostface if the pattern persists — and trying to escape her heritage (and notoriety) as the child of an earlier serial killer. Bodies start falling quick. "This isn't your fault, Sam," says her sister. "But it is," replies Sam. And there are some disturbing signs that a latent killer lurks in her heart, too.

The filmmakers have picked quite a canvas — and wasted it. Unlike the "John Wick" franchise, the folks at "Scream VI" seem overawed by the city they've landed in. We expected Ghostface to slice Elmos in Times Square. We wanted finance bros in puffy vests and Brooklyn hipsters with weird facial hair to bleed. We wanted smugly rich Upper East Siders with tiny dogs to get splattered. Instead, the city seems to humble Ghostface, making him just another easy-to-ignore tourist overpaying for knock-off purses on the street.

There are fight scenes in a bodega and in a luxury apartment on the Upper West Side, but perhaps the best New York sequence is on a crowded subway train, where Ghostface is stalking in plain sight. The film is set around Halloween and so the train is packed with creepy dudes, tweaked-out college kids and masked marauders — in other words, a regular Tuesday. Anyone who has ridden the New York City subway in the past three years wouldn't even flinch at Ghostface. They might even cough up a dollar for him to go away.

The sequel sticks with the formula of folding in on itself, mocking in a meta way the horror conventions it itself helped build. "We're in a franchise!" one of the Core Four explains and, indeed, "Scream VI" opens with a film professor yammering on about cliched movie tropes and ends with fight-for-your-lives slash-a-thon at a disused movie theater. And so at the conclusion, we must limp on to the next sequel, with no end in sight, and hearing the city loudly mocking anyone foolish enough to try to come and scare it.

"Scream VI," a Paramount Pictures release that hits theaters on Friday, is rated R for "strong bloody violence, language throughout, brief drug use." Running time: 123 minutes. Two and a half stars out of four.



A REAL SCREAM - Melissa Barrera, left, and Jenna Ortega in a scene from "Scream VI," a Paramount Pictures release.
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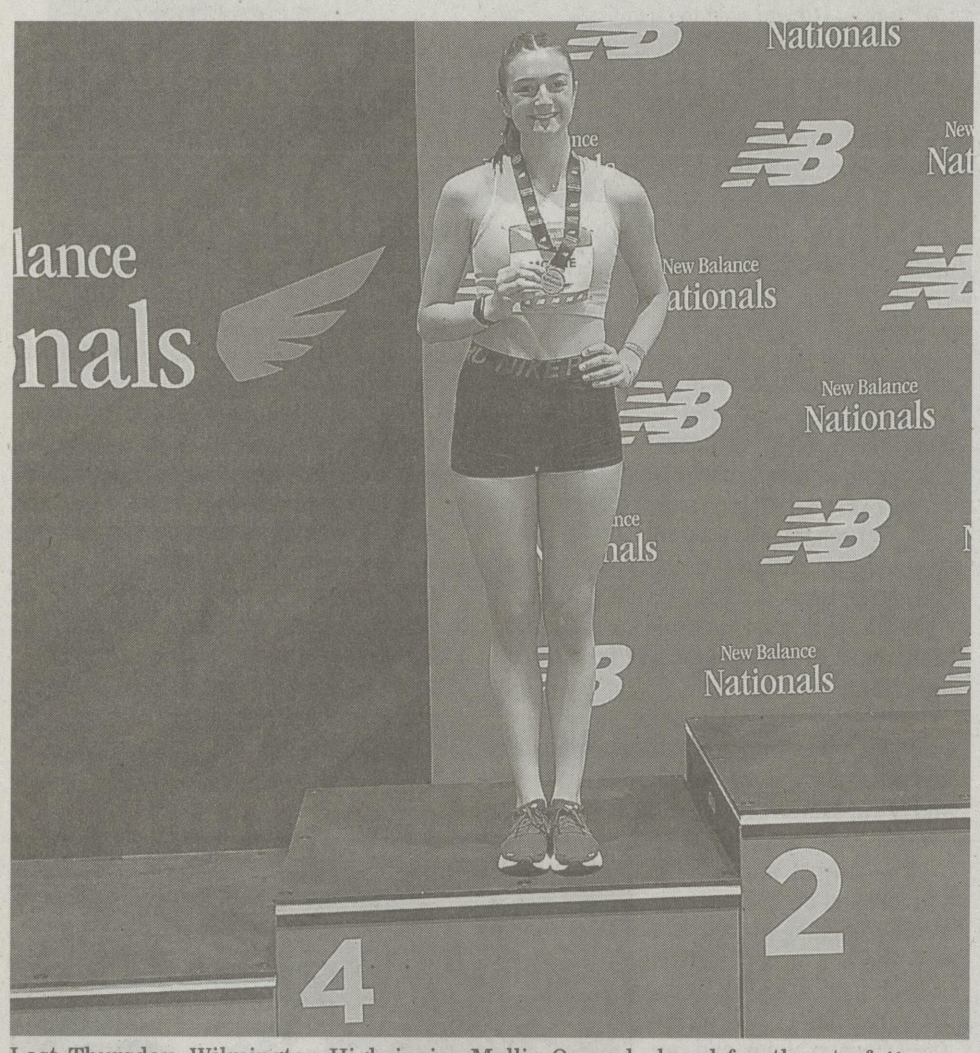
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Last Thursday, Wilmington High junior Mollie Osgood placed fourth out of 41 competitors in the high jump out of the Rising Stars category during the High School National Track-and-Field meet held at the New Balance Facility in Boston. (courtesy photo).

Osgood finishes fourth at Nationals; Pair of gymnasts compete at NE's

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BOSTON - Last Friday, Wilmington High School junior Mollie Osgood completed her phenomenal indoor track season by placing fourth out of 41 competitors in the Rising Stars (basically Class B) portion of the New Balance High School National Track-and-Field Meet held at the Boston Facility.

The junior ended up clearing 5-3.75, which came after clearing four previous heights.

"We went there hoping she would get in the top six and she finished fourth," said head coach Joe Patrone. "It wasn't smooth, let's put it that way. She cleared 4-10 on her first attempt, 5-0 on her third attempt. Then they went to 5-1.50 and she got that done on her second attempt. Then it went to 5-2.50 and she made it on her third attempt and then she made it to 5-3.75 on her second attempt.

"I'm really proud of her. She battled through it. When she had the second miss at five-feet, you could tell that she was having a tough time of things, but she came through and really kind of popped that next one. Even with the misses, she was doing what she had to do in making the heights."

GYMNASTICS

On Saturday, two members of the Wilmington-Bedford co-op gymnastics team competed in the New England individual championship meet.

Senior Alexa Graziano had a tremendous day as she finished fourth in the all-around competition with scores of 9.25 on the vault, 9.225 on the bars, 9.45 on the beam and a 9.3 on the floor exercise. Her score on the bars placed her third overall.

"It was a very exciting experience since we haven't qualified to this meet in the past," said Graziano, who battled this entire season with a knee injury. "I was really happy with my scores and how I performed. This was my last competition and the end of high school gymnastics for me, and I think this meet was a really good way to end my season. I loved being on this team and all the support and encouragement from my teammates and coaches was amazing. I am so thankful for this season and this team."

Lexi Masters, a freshman at Bedford High, also competed and she finished with scores of 8.1 on vault, 9.0 on beam, 8.775 on bars and 8.75 on floor.



This past Saturday, two members of the Wilmington/Bedford co-op gymnastics team, Lexie Masters of Bedford (left) and Alexa Graziano of Wilmington (right) competed individually at the New England Championship Meet. (courtesy photo).

Maloney named new WHS Golf Coach

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WILMINGTON -- Stepping into a head coaching role following a down season is a challenging task. Setting new standards, teaching new philosophies, and getting used to the players are all difficult goals to reach in order to redirect a program's trajectory.

When Mike Maloney decided to interview for the Wilmington High School varsity golf head coaching job, he wasn't simply aiming to have a bounce back year next fall; He's attempting to build the program from the ground up while inheriting a 55-match losing streak.

Maloney is replacing long-time head coach Steve Lynch, who was at the helm for 16 seasons where he posted a 44-154-2 record, mostly competing in the extremely tough Middlesex League.

"Steve Lynch is one of my closest friends and a mentor to me professionally and someone I've always confided in," said Maloney, who taught at WHS with Lynch. "I knew that once he retired from teaching a couple years ago that he'd probably have a little window where he was going to keep coaching golf."

Maloney was right. With Lynch out of the classroom, the ongoing problem of being able to recruit players for the program only worsened. Last season, just six players reported for tryouts in a sport that requires eight roster spots in a match.

As Maloney prepares for next fall, he knows he needs to start at square one.

"The big thing is trying to rebuild the numbers," he said. "Making sure that we have enough kids to compete on that level. With golf, it's about identifying kids that golf is important to them. For a lot of kids in Wilmington who play on the golf team, it matters to them. There's just not that many of them at that level right now."

Maloney, currently in his 16th year as a history teacher at WHS, isn't new to coaching. Since starting at WHS, Maloney has coached four seasons of football, softball, as well as other stints with baseball. However, he will be new to the style of coaching golf will require.

"It's definitely different than coaching football," admitted Maloney. "You're not calling plays and you can't coach them on the course during a match, so that'll be a little different than my prior coaching experience in the other sports I've coached."

When Maloney steps into his first varsity head coaching gig next fall, he'll only be continuing to live out a passion he's had since he was a kid.

"Golf has been a passion of mine since I was a little kid," said Maloney. "I started playing when I was nine and I was a member at Presidents (Golf Course) down in Quincy when I was a kid and I competed in the junior club championships and the county junior classic and stuff."

Maloney played football at BC High, and although never played high school or college golf, is a very active player in his free time. Maloney is also a seasoned basketball official at the high school and NCAA Division 3 level.

While Maloney admits he's not a golf pro by any means, he is confident in his ability to tweak swings, grips, or alignment of his players while on the course. Besides form, he realizes the strategy aspect of golf is half the battle.

"There's definitely some home course advantage there," he said of Hillview Golf Course, the home course of the team. "A lot of that is getting out on the course with them and saying 'what are you thinking on this hole, do we really need to hit driver on that three-hundred yard par four because if we miss we're going to be in trouble.' A lot of that stuff is going to be important."

Like Maloney, WHS interim athletic director Dennis Ingram recognized the glaring hole of the lack of numbers in the golf program.

"Mike's a great guy and he's really well respected throughout the building," said Ingram. "Mike being in the building and being able to help promote and understand where the program is (is great). We had very low numbers last year and we're trying to recruit and promote some more interest in the sport. He grasps all that and has the same kind of vision that we do."

Immediately after accepting the position, Ingram noticed Maloney already brainstorming ways to promote the growth of the program.

"He's already approached us about trying to get some kids returning on the team to go in May to the middle school and try to talk about the team and how golf is a great sport and a great lifetime activity," said Ingram.

And while he's aware of his inexperience coaching the sport, he's recognized Maloney start familiarizing himself with the coaching community as soon as Lynch retired teaching.

"He's already reached out to some other coaches who coach golf," he said. "In the last couple years he's been networking with other coaches and picking their brains and seeing what they do to try to put forth a portfolio of things they do. I know he's really excited for the opportunity."



Last week, WHS interim Athletic Director Dennis Ingram named longtime history teacher Mike Maloney as the new Golf Coach. (courtesy photo).

With a revamped promotion of the team, Maloney knows just a few prospective golfers could be enough to bring winning ways back to Wilmington.

"You get two or three kids to come through the door who can play, then all of a sudden some of those narrow losses they've had over the last couple years turn into wins," said Maloney. "And once you start winning that helps build a program."

Regardless of wins and losses, there's one stagnant that Maloney took notice to while Lynch was at the helm for 16 years.

"He made it enjoyable, and I certainly want to continue that," he said. "When things get tough, sometimes it's tough to keep the kids interested but he always was able to do that. I want to keep that rolling."

Ippolito Scholarship deadline, April 3rd

Do you have a high school senior athlete that attends Shawsheen Tech, Wilmington or Tewksbury High Schools?

The Board Members of the Michael P Ippolito Scholarship Fund are pleased to announce that there are six $500.00 scholarships available to students. The application can be found at each high school guidance office or you can apply online using the QR code below.

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This was made possible by a loving community of people who donated and recognized Mike Ippolito was one of a kind.

The deadline is April 3rd.

Come meet Coach McManus

The Wilmington KofC has two upcoming nights open to all:

On Thursday March 16th at 8 pm is a open forum featuring the new Wilmington High School Baseball Coach Matt McManus. This will take place in O'Leary's pub (member's back entrance)

On Friday March 17th, the KofC is hosting a St. Patrick's Day Dinner and Party to raise funds for the Council 4982 scholarships. The corned beef and cabbage dinner will be catered by Big Pig BBQ. Tickets are $30. Please RSVP to Justin Strem at justin.strem@gmail.com or 978-270-0528.

Shawsheen Tech Boys Hockey team closes out season with 18 wins

The Gators edge out Rams in Final-8 contest

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WORCESTER - Heading into last Wednesday's Division 4 Elite-8 state tournament game against Grafton, the Shawsheen Tech boys hockey team was on quite the roll. The Rams entered the game with a 10-1-1 mark over their last 12 games, had a five-game winning streak which included two earlier state tournament wins, and were getting strong play from the forwards, defensemen and goaltending. All of that were big reasons why Shawsheen had an incredible 18-3-1 record.

On the other side was No. 4 seed Grafton, who entered the game with a 21-2 record. The Gators were undefeated at their home rink with a 15-0 record, had not given up more than two goals in their previous 13 games and had an explosive first line which entered the game with a combined 66 goals and 73 assists for 139 points.

It was state tournament hockey, and more often than not, the team that comes out stronger and builds a lead, usually comes out on top. Grafton did just that, scoring the game's first three goals before the Rams made a terrific and exciting comeback, cutting it to a goal late in the third period, but a penalty and an empty-netter ended the thought of a dramatic come from behind win, and Grafton held on for the 4-2 victory played at the Buffone Arena.

"We came out real slow, to be honest for the first thirty minutes. We weren't functioning fully (as a team) at that point," said Rams head coach Chuck Baker. "There were guys who give me the full effort every game and those guys were out there, but once we finally focused in on the coaching staff's game plan it was the third period and I was listening to the kids on the bench saying, 'oh this actually works'.

"We had our chances, and we had a lot of quality shots in the third period. We put them on their heels at that point, and we were hoping we could tie it and send it into overtime because you never know what can happen at that point. Going down 3-0 is something you can't do in the tournament. You can't show up for a state tournament game, this deep into it, and think that you can only come to play in the third period at a full tilt. We kind of laid an egg there but we gave it (a great push) in the third period."

Grafton's Brady Keeler, the leading goal scorer in all of Central Mass, became a huge thorn in the side of the Rams all night. He quick burst of speed enabled him to get to a loose puck inside the Rams defensive zone, and he poked the puck past goaltender Mike Cedrone coming at the 7:18 mark of the game.

Just 1:29 later, Grafton's Cam Michaud roofed a rebound to the top corner and quickly the Gators had taken a big bite out of the Rams with the 2-0 lead.

The score remained that way until the fifth minute of the second period as Grafton score a power play goal and after two periods then led 3-0 and had a 22-12 shot advantage.

In the third period, the Rams came alive. Just 3:33 into it, Tewksbury's Nick Calouro picked off a pass, moved in and from the left circle, he rifled a wrist shot to the top far corner to make it a 3-1 game.

Two minutes later, the Rams were called for a penalty but the PK unit killed if off, and ten seconds after that was over, Grafton was called for a penalty. Shawsheen made it count, as Kyle Gray skated down the right wing side and cut to the inside and making a move past a defender, before firing a wrist shot to the top corner for a great individual effort, and his tally made it 3-2 with 5:54 to go.

Throughout the first nine or ten minutes of the third, Shawsheen did a great job of neutralizing Grafton's potent first line.

"I had talked to some guys out here who said that (Keeler) is the best player in Division 4 that they have seen and he's a good player," said Baker. "Like any kid at this level, if you play him they all level off at some point. He was good, their first line was good and they controlled the puck well, but I think once we took the heat off in our defensive zone and had some more offensive time, it wasn't as bad.

"(Early on) it was kind of like we were a deer in the headlights and were just following the puck around. I keep telling them that they're not Mite (youth hockey players) anymore so you don't all have to follow the puck. You all have jobs and you have to know where guys are and anticipation is huge. We weren't doing that. We then decided to do that and I was like 'OK this is the team (that got us here) and this is the team that we coached all year. They are kids and at the end of the day they are kids who are going to make mistakes. You just have to try not to make the huge ones."

Shawsheen continued to mount the pressure and with 1:58 to go, Grafton was called for a penalty. Baker elected not to pull his goalie at that point, and waited until the team got control of the puck inside the Grafton end. With 1:39 to go, Cedrone was pulled, and quickly after that, Keeler pounced on a turnover and quickly skated into the Rams end and fired off a snap shot to the top right side to put the icing on the cake, his 35th goal of the season.

Grafton advanced to the Final-4 but was defeated by Norwell. As for Shawsheen, they finish the season with an 18-4-1 mark, which included being co-champions of the CAC.

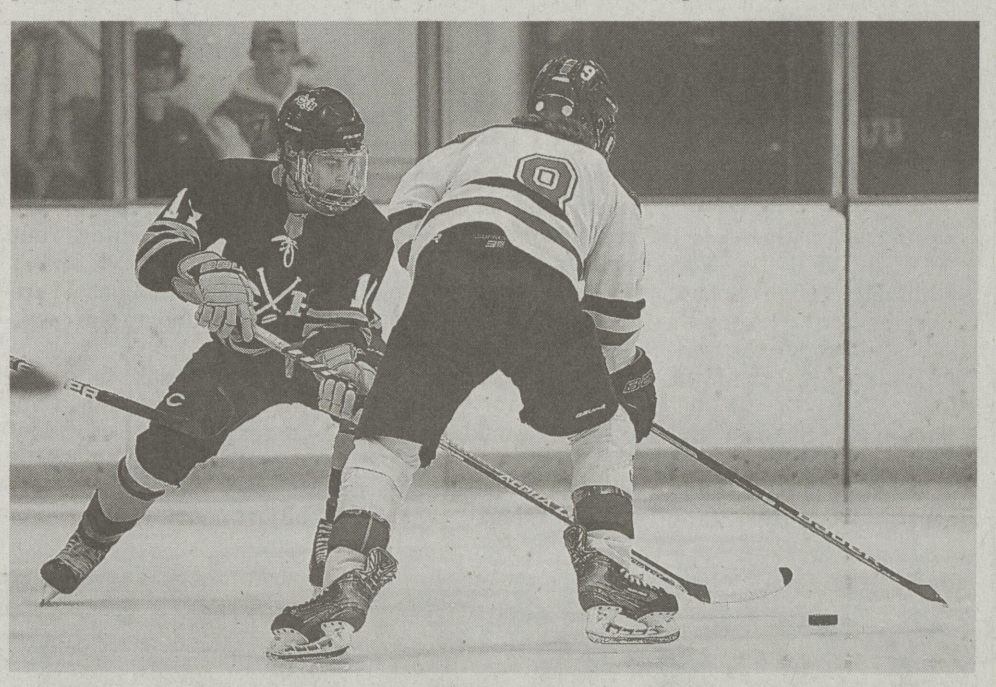
"It was a great year and I'm happy with it. We're only graduating five kids, so I'm bringing back a good core of kids," said Baker. "My young kids are good and we have some young kids down on JV who will help us next year. We did well, we did really well. At the end of the day, we won 18 games, and I'd much rather that, then be a 6-14 team and be at home (and not competing in the tournament)."



Shawsheen Tech's Derek Nazzaro of Tewksbury, tries to block an oncoming shot during an earlier playoff game held at the Hallenborg Arena. (photo by Bob DeChiara).







Above, Shawsheen Tech's Roland Spengler (6) of Tewksbury, tries to get the inside position on a face-off while Cohasset/Hull player Sam McDonnell (12) tries to fend him off; below, Liam Milne (8) tries to play the puck, while getting away from Luke Dunham (17); and to the left, Nick Calouro also of Tewksbury, skates ahead with the puck all during the earlier home playoff win. (all photos by Bob DeChiara).

Wilmington Bantam youth hockey team ends in a tie with Medfield

The Wilmington Bantam 1 youth hockey team faced off against their Valley League Division leader, the Medfield Warriors to try and even the season series hoping to avenge a 6-2 February defeat.

Dylan Manini got the start in net for the Wildcats and was sharp from the start turning away several chances early in the first period to keep the game scoreless.

Wilmington responded and got things going offensively with some solid chances with the closet being a feed from Jake Arsenault to Henry Almeda who just missed the wide-open net as the puck was a bit on edge.

Medfield continued to put on pressure forcing Wilmington to have to kill a couple of penalties including being down two players for almost a minute, but they managed to kill them off and keep Medfield off the board.

Shortly after the penalty kills Jonathan Stokes stole the puck just outside the blue line and skated in scored unassisted to put Wilmington up 1-0 with just over two minutes left in the first period. Medfield tied the game at 1-1 just two minutes into the second period on a partial breakaway goal by Luke Dickson that went unassisted.

Kyle Spencer put Wilmington up 2-1 on a nice feed from Ryan Archer with a 1:39 remaining in the second period. The score remained 2-1 Wilmington late into the third period as Wilmington's defense with Colin Doherty and Jake Arsenault making several plays. Medfield pulled its goalie with just over a minute to play for the extra skater and with 38 seconds left in the game Owen Mix finally managed to get the equalizer. Dylan Maini made 21 saves on 23 shots.

Final Score: Wilmington 2 Medfield 2.

On Sunday evening the Wildcats faced off against the Waltham Hawks in Valley League action and came away with a 5-0 win. Wilmington faced the Hawks twice already this season skating to a tie in December and a 3-1 defeat in early January. Dylan Manini once again got the start in net for the Wildcats.

The Wildcats got off to a solid start when Jon Cavanaugh scored on a feed from Mickey Moroney just over four minutes into the first period.

The Wildcats extended their lead to 2-0 with 29 seconds left in the first period when Jonathan Stokes scored on a nice feed from Kyle Spencer. Ryan Archer stretched the lead to 3-0 two minutes into the second period on hard work in the zone from Devin MacDonald to keep the play alive and extend the Wildcats lead.

The score remained 3-0 through the second period but Henry Almeda extended the lead to 4-0 on a three on one break with Collin O"Hearn and Mickey Moroney getting the assist. Mickey Moroney got the final goal of the night on a nice play by Dylan Minasian with the assist going to Jon Cavanaugh to close out the scoring for the night.

Dylan Manini earned the shutout stopping all 14 shots he faced, and Nate Murphy earned the hard hat for player of the game as he played solidly all game on both ends of the ice making physical plays in all zones from start to finish.

Remembering the magical ride to the Garden back in 2009

The Town Crier has continued to publish archived stories written by the late Mike Ippolito. Below is his story about the Shawsheen Tech Hockey team's loss in the state championship game from the March 18, 2009 edition of the Crier.



Back in March of 2009, the Shawsheen Tech Boys Hockey team finished the season at the TD BankNorth Garden losing to Shrewsbury, 3-2, in the Division 3 State Championship game. The team's captains, from left included Ryan Arensbach, Mike Derosa and Matt Grace who accepted the finalist trophy with head coach Chuck Baker. (file photo/JoeBrownphotos.com).

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BOSTON -- The Shawsheen Tech boys hockey team had been on such an impressive late season run that the players and coaches probably forgot what it was like to lose a game. Unfortunately for the Rams they were reminded of just how painful a loss can be in the most bitter way possible on Sunday afternoon at the TD Banknorth Garden, falling to Shrewsbury by a score of 3-2 in the Division 3 state championship game.

The loss ended a remarkable 13-game unbeaten streak for the Rams, which included a State Vocational championship as well as five state tournament victories on their incredible march to the Garden. But all the great memories of the season could not make up for the hurt in the eyes of the Shawsheen players as they filed to the locker room in the aftermath of their loss. Someday they will look back with great pride on their tremendous accomplishments, perhaps even within a couple of days, but on Sunday there was only pain.

Shawsheen coach Chuck Baker, who in his third year at the helm of the Rams took them to their first state championship game since 1983, felt his players' pain as he spoke outside the quiet Rams locker room after addressing his team.

"I told the kids they can have their time to themselves. It hurts especially for the seniors," Baker said. "But as I told them, if it did not bother them then they are not true competitors. It's difficult for them right now."

The Rams, who finished their tremendous season with a record of 17-6-3, were led by a pair of goals by senior Ryan Arensbach, and held a 1-0 lead at the end of the first period, but Shrewsbury was controlling play and in the second period the Colonials took the lead with two goals in just nine seconds before extending their lead to 3-1 in the third period before the Rams fought back to within a goal with just over three minutes left. Shawsheen had their chances, but were unable to get the equalizer in the final minutes.

Overall the Colonials out shot the Rams 27-14, including a 23-7 edge after two periods.

"I don't think we played our best game through two periods actually," said Rams' coach Chuck Baker. "We kind of had the deer in the headlights look for two periods. The one thing I'm always going to get with these guys is a great effort. But like I just told them in the locker room, I think they played scared. Some of them gave me that look that says 'coach I wasn't scared', but they don't understand that scared can be a little too tight on their stick, overplaying a guy or underestimating a guy, and the kids were just not thinking the way I know they had thought to get us to this point."

Arensbach put the Rams in front at the 13:25 mark of the first period, taking a great set up from senior Matt Grace to break in alone on Shrewsbury goalie Pat Coates and beat the junior goalie low to the stick side to give the Rams a 1-0 lead at the end of one despite being shorthanded four times (including a 5-on -3) and being out shot 10-4 in the frame. Freshman Joe Sodergren of Tewksbury also assisted on the goal.

The Rams maintained their 1-0 lead for much of the second period, although Shrewsbury had clearly taken control of the game. Finally the Colonials persistence paid off, and paid off in a big way with two goals in a nine second span late in period.

First, on a delayed penalty sophomore Curtis Beals finally beat senior goalie Evan Walsh, putting home a rebound after a scramble in front of the Shawsheen net with 5:54 left in the period. And with the Rams still reeling slightly from seeing the score tied, the Colonials pounced immediately, winning the ensuing face off at center ice and taking the lead on great set up in front of the net from Beals to junior Kevin Dufualt who buried the puck top shelf for a 2-1 lead with 5:45 left in the period.

Shawsheen came out in the third period with a renewed vigor that was evident from the start, and when they got just their second power play of the game early in the period, it looked like a great opportunity to tie the score. But much like the case while the teams were at even strength the Rams had a tough generating any offense and then Shrewsbury scored a back breaker, with a short handed goal by senior Castan Sommers at the 3:48 mark of the period to make the score 3-1.

Sommers, in a trend that the Rams saw over and over again during the game, beat all Shawsheen players to the loose puck before racing up the right side and beating Walsh on shot that just barely eluded the senior net minder's glove.

"We had guys playing longer shifts than usual and I think that wore us down," Baker said. "They were quicker than us to the puck, and I tip my cap to Shrewsbury, they are a very good hockey team," said Baker.

The Rams did not quit, however, and they continued their strong third period play. Finally they were rewarded for their efforts with 3:02 left in the game when Arensbach notched his second goal of the game on an assist from Brett Fredrickson.

Fredrickson was sent in alone but a great pokecheck play by Shrewsbury's Kevin Charbonneau forced the puck into the right hand corner. Not to be denied, Fredrickson got to the puck, and sent it back to the low slot area to Arensbach, who got a low wrist shot past Coates (12 saves), to make it 3-2 and give the Rams and their fans some life.

Baker was pleased to see his team play so well in the third period, he just wished they could have been at their best for the entire game.

"I think like anyone else at that age of coming in here (Banknorth Garden) and having that awe factor," Baker said. "It took us two periods, and I thought we played well in the third period, and well enough to come back. But at that point, you're playing against the clock."

Shawsheen certainly had their opportunities in the final few minutes as they had sustained pressure in the Shrewsbury end, including a chance with a pass across the front of the crease that just bounced over a Rams players stick with about a minute to go, but they were unable to get the tying goal.

One other thing the Rams were unable to do was get Walsh out of the net for the extra attacker in the final minute. Baker called timeout with 1:25 left and had planned to pull Walsh with about 50 seconds left, but Shrewsbury managed to get the puck out of their zone at about that time and the Rams were unable to regain control and allow Baker to get Walsh to the bench.

"I was very confident with the group I had out there 5-on-5," Baker said. "I was trying to get Evan at the 52-second mark but then the puck was shipped out of their zone and went down towards our end and we got bottled in. I didn't want to make it a 4-2 game at that point. I just had a lot of confidence with our kids, especially after getting that second goal. I thought that goal was a big momentum shift for us. And like I said I was very confident in the kids I had out there because they had gotten it done for us all season long."

And while the Rams fell short of their ultimate goal, Baker could do nothing but take pride in the way his team battled their way through the tournament to get to the title game.

"The two best Division 3 teams played today" Baker said. "I kept hearing, 'Oh Shawsheen will be out this week' and 'Shawsheen will be out' but this is a huge accomplishment, not only for the program, but from the school's standpoint as well."

Wilmington High Cheerleaders finish fourth at the state meet

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WORCESTER -- The Wilmington High School cheerleading squad's highest score of the season came at just the right time.

This past Sunday, the 'Cats posted a 85.9 score at the state cheerleading meet at Worcester State, enough for a fourth place finish and a bid to the postseason finale next weekend where the Wildcats will take to the mat at New-Englands.

"We were just so excited," said head coach Kylie Bolarinho. "We didn't think we would score that high and we did. When I saw the scoresheets it makes sense why we scored that high and I'm just really proud of the girls for coming out where we did. We didn't expect to come out where we were and it was awesome."

In one week following the state meet, the 'Cats increased their score by over five points, a credit to the hard work and adjustments leading into last weekend.

"The cleanliness of the routine (was improved)," said Bolarinho. "Definitely being really repetitive in the motions and that takes a huge part in making us look good, is how clean we are. I always got told to win from the bottom of the scoresheet, and that's what we did. We won from the bottom, which is the motion category."

The Wildcats worked hard to synchronize their routine to perfection, resulting in a performance where every cheerleader was in rhythm. Combine that with an increase in overall energy, the 'Cats created the perfect storm for a season best score on the biggest stage yet.

"The motions were all being hit exactly the same and sharp," said Bolarinho. "It's the way we present ourselves on the mat. We don't have flowing arms in our motions and the dance is high energy. We got a lot of feedback on our dance on the scoresheet as well saying that our dance had high energy."

As Bolarinho and her team move into next weekend, she believes 85.9 is still a score that can be beat, acknowledging that the stunting still needs some work this week in practice.

"(Sunday) wasn't our best day for stunting, but in other categories we made up for it," she said. "We really tried hard on the stunts. The stunts weren't as great as we thought

they would be, but definitely it was just trying to make the routine as clean as it could possibly be just in case something went wrong in the stunts.

"There's definitely room for improvement," said Bolarinho. "New-Englands is tough, but I think we'll be okay. It's going to be a hard week (of practice)."

Just one season into her first year as head coach, Bolarinho has in fact kept the ball rolling in a very successful WHS cheer program.

"It's awesome," she said of experiencing success in the head coaching role. "It's definitely hard living up to an expectation that Christina (Zuccaro) had set in the past and that Deb (Smith) had set in the past, but everything I know is from them and everything I've learned is from them. I'm loving it, it's really rewarding at the end."

The members of the team include: Emma Chirichello, Sarah Gillespie, Emma Erickson Ava Thibert, Kelci MacKenzie, Madisyn Murray, Erin Murray, Lily McLaughlin, Sophia Calumby, Kayleigh Cunningham, Brooke Gifford, Isabella Cooper, Bella Iascone and Lilly King.



The WHS Cheerleading team finished fourth at this weekend's state meet. The team includes back row ftom left, Assistant coach Allison Celata, Emma Chirichello, Sarah Gillespie, Emma Erickson, Ava Thibert, Kelci MacKenzie, Madisyn Murray, Erin Murray, Head Coach Kylie Bolarinho and assistant coach Allie Fogg; Bottom row from left, Lily Mclaughlin, Sophia Calumby, Kayleigh Cunningham, Brooke Gifford, Isabella Cooper, Bella Iascone and Lilly King. (courtesy photo).

Wilmington College Round-Up

Kulis comes through with big performance at Patriot League Championship Meet

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Across the country, the NCAA is currently at the crossroads of winter in spring. Whether it be season-ending conference tournaments or a fresh start on the diamond, Wilmington athletes are well represented.

On the track, at Holy Cross, freshman **Celia Kulis** competed in the Patriot League Championship on February 25th, where she participated in the pentathlon. She set three personal bests, including a 5.05-meter long jump, a 9.44-meter shot put, and an 8.84 time in the 60-meter hurdles. Her hurdle time qualified her for the finals as well as the ECAC's.



Wilmington resident Celia Kulis has excelled this season as a member of the Holy Cross Women's Indoor track team. (courtesy photo/HC).

On the second day of competing, Kulis, a former Town Crier Female Athlete of the Year, finished eighth in the 60-meter hurdles finals with a time of 9.02.

At the ECAC Indoor Championship, Kulis totaled 3,212 points in the pentathlon, earning two more personal bests (9.47 meters in shot put and 2:36.72 in the 800-meters). Her 60-meter hurdles time resulted in a third place finish.

Bryant's **Emma Garrity** had a successful performance on the track at the ECAC/IC4A Meet on March 6th. In the 500 meters, Garrity earned silver in her second straight All-East finish in the event.

MEN'S TRACK

At UMass Lowell, graduate student **Joseph Gaudreau**, a former Town Crier Male Athlete of the Year, competed on day two of the ECAC/IC4A Championships on March 4th. In the 400-meter, Gaudreau took second place with a time of 47.71.

The River Hawks kick off the spring season on March 22nd at the Raleigh Relays.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

On Saturday, Bentley's magical run came to an end with a 62-47 loss to Assumption in the NCAA East Region Semifinals.

Kylie DuCharme played 13 minutes of the action, collecting three rebounds. In the Falcons' 53-39 win over Le Moyne in the semi-final, DuCharme had two points and two rebounds.

The sophomore posted averages of 2.3 points and 3.6 rebounds this season.

Continuing on the hardwood, the Rams of Framingham State ended their season in the MASCAC Semifinals with a 90-76 loss to Westfield State.

Jenna Tavanese played ten minutes and recorded a rebound and an assist in the effort.

The sophomore closes her season after averaging 5.6 points per game and 2.4 rebounds per game.

SPRING SPORTS
BASEBALL

On the baseball diamond, Northern Essex Community College has started their season campaign with a 4-4 record.

On the mound, sophomore **Tristan Ciampa** has made two appearances this season. In a March 5th 3-2 win over the University of Connecticut at Avery Point, Ciampa tossed four innings and struck out five to pick up the win.

On March 10th, Ciampa got the nod to start, earning the win on a five inning outing resulting in six strikeouts while allowing two runs in a 14-2 win over Minnesota North College-Itasca.

The Knights have games against Oakton Community College and Herkimer College this week.

At Franklin Pierce, senior **Danny Gracia**, a former Town Crier Male Athlete of the Year, has made two appearances this season, including a two-inning showing in a March 12th 6-0 loss to Jefferson. Gracia struck out two without allowing a hit.

Franklin Pierce is off to a 9-4 start with games against Felician this weekend.

At Salem State, graduate student **Carl Beatrice** has appeared in one game thus far for the Vikings. In a 9-3 loss to Keene State on March 13, Beatrice went three innings, striking out two while allowing three runs on three hits.

The Vikings are 0-3 thus far with games against Plattsburgh, Rutgers-Newark, and Eastern Connecticut this week.

MEN'S LACROSSE

At Keene State, senior **Ben Wright** has already picked up three points just two games played into the Owls' season.

The attackman assisted on two goals in a February 21st 23-12 loss to Western New England, as well as netting a goal in a February 18th 14-8 loss to Endicott.



BEN WRIGHT

The Owls are 1-3 on the season as they eye Clarkson on Wednesday.

At Seten Hill, freshman **Gavin Erickson** has made an immediate impact to his college lacrosse career after a hat trick in his college debut on February 10th in a 25-4 win over Alderson Broaddus.

Erickson, another former Town Crier Male Athlete of the Year, also picked up an assist in a March 11th 22-4 win over North Greenville.

The Griffins are off to a 3-2 start with a contest against the University of Mount Olive this Saturday.

WOMEN'S LACROSSE

At Colorado Mesa, sophomore goalie **Shannon Murphy** has played three games this season, posting an average .375 save percentage.

Last Sunday, Murphy posted a save percentage of .500 in a 20-5 win over CSU Pueblo, making 12 saves in the effort. Murphy made 19 saves in her season debut against Grand Valley on March 3rd.

The Mavericks are 2-1 to start the year with games against Rockhurst University this week.



The Wilmington 4th Grade Boys Travel Basketball team includes: Front Row from left, Jackson Dobbins, Timmy Finn, Ben Blumenthal, Joe Langone, Josh King, Luca DiCenso and Brady Saucier; back row from left, Coach Chris Dobbins, Coach Mike King, Bryce Callahan, Ryan Scalfani, Marco Smolinsky, Blake Kelleher, Charlie Kennedy, Coach John Callahan and Coach Joe Langone. (courtesy photo).

Three travel teams enjoy success

The Wilmington Travel Basketball 4th Grade Boys Blue Team has had a tremendous first season with WTB finishing with a league record of 8-4 and has an overall record of 18-11 including tournaments.

This team was brought together back in November and had a goal of developing as players, being coachable, and focusing on teamwork and defense.

The team ball called "Marcus" is named after Boston Celtics guard Marcus Smart and goes to the player who played the best defense and was a strong teammate in each game. Over the course of the season, the team improved significantly. The boys had key wins against Billerica, Lowell, and Bedford, NH to close out the regular season in February.

The team advanced to the Merrimack Valley Playoffs this past weekend. On Saturday, the Wildcats faced Burlington in the quarterfinals. Burlington got off to an early 15-10 lead with some strong inside baskets.

The Wildcats never quit and rallied back to take the at the end of the first half. Joe Langone led the Wildcats scoring attack with some strong drives to the basket. Marco Smolinsky, Timmy Finn, and Ryan Scalfani had key baskets as well to lead help lead the scoring attack. Jackson Dobbins and Charlie Kennedy both helped in the rebounding department to limit Burlington's strength down low.

The Wildcats closed out the game with a 40-34 win to advance to the semifinals.

The Wildcats faced Lowell in the league semifinals on Saturday Night. Lowell's team was a major challenge with outstanding ball handlers and strong outside shooting.

The Wildcats' defensive effort stood out from the very beginning of the game. Luca DiCenso, Josh King, Ben Blumenthal, and Brady Saucier did an excellent job of defending Lowell's strong guards. Bryce Callahan played excellent help defense to shut down Lowell's drives to the basket. Blake Kelleher earned the "Marcus" team ball with an excellent overall game on both ends of the floor highlighted by a strong defensive covering Lowell's top forward.

The Wildcats prevailed with a final score of 41-36.

Earning a trip to the league championship game was an outstanding accomplishment for a team that has only played at this level for four months. The team will now close the season in March Madness Tournament on March 18th.

4TH GRADE GIRLS

The Wilmington Travel Basketball 4th Grade Girls Blue team finished their first memorable season in the River Valley League in fourth place out of 29 teams.

The team started the season with 5-5 record after ten games then went on a nice run to finish with an amazing overall record of 16-6 and a Final Four appearance in Division 1.

To start off the playoffs, they traveled to Newburyport where they pulled out a hard-fought 21-12 victory. They then had an epic quarterfinal game beating the overall No. 1 seed of 18-0 Bedford, NH 23-18 to proceed to the semifinals, Final Four!

Although losing to Beverly in the semifinals the season was full of development, fun, and lifetime memories. They started the season in November as 11 individual girls but ended it in March as 1 Basketball Team: Family.

A special shout out and thank you to Wilmington High girls varsity player and captain Eva Boudreau who supported and mentored the girls throughout the whole season.

8TH GRADE GIRLS

The 8th grade girls blue team had a terrific final Wilmington Travel Basketball season, finishing 9-7 in River Valley League play! The team played well in all phases, offense, defense, and transition which was a result of hard work in practice, focus on the task at hand and ability to block out distractions.

There were many highlights this season including playing on the Boston Garden court, coming back from down three points in the final minutes to win a playoff game against Haverhill on Saturday as well as a four-game mid-season win streak.

SHOOTING CLINIC

Wilmington Travel Basketball and Wilmington High School invites current Wilmington travel basketball players and coaches to a Dave Hopla Shooting Clinic, which will be held this Friday, March 17th from 6-9 pm at Wilmington High School.



The Wilmington 4th Grade Girls Travel Basketball team includes top row from left, Tori New, Abby Bither, Arya Suwal, Gisella DiGiovanni, Alexa DiGiovanni, Gianna Menzone and Colette Strykowski; and bottom row from left, Kyla Pereira, Leah Hoffmann, Grace Connolly and Elena Guarino. (courtesy photo).

Little League offering scholarships

Wilmington Little League is excited to announce we are now accepting applications for our 2023 scholarships! A scholarship will be awarded to a deserving alum from each of our baseball and softball programs.

Criteria: Annual award to a deserving resident of the Town of Wilmington based on his/her contribution to the Wilmington Little League program as displayed by his/her sportsmanship, leadership and general overall attitude. Playing ability is not a consideration for this award.

Player must have participated or volunteered in a Wilmington Little League program (softball or baseball) for at least four years.

Annual amount: to be designated by the Selection Committee.

Use of Scholarship: to be used for continuing education towards a degree program or to a vocational school. The funds are paid to the student after the successful completion of student's first college or vocational semester.

Scholarship applications are due no later than May 15, 2023 and can be submitted via one of the following methods:

Google Form - https://forms.gle/BVojgmzVgLrKsFAN8

Email - Fill out the application and send to wllscholarship@outlook.com. The application can be found on our website www.wilmingtonmalittleleague.org

Mail- Print and mail the application to PO Box 328 Wilmington

If you have any questions please email miketentindo@yahoo.com or wllprez@outlook.com.



The Wilmington 8th Grade Girls Travel team includes: front row from left, Emma Nolan and Bella Goldstein; Back row from left, coach Derek Reguera, coach Bill Lovell, Lily Doucette, Emma Callahan, Elizabeth Kulevich, Olivia Raposa, Abbi Engvaldsen, Meredith Ebert, Molly Lovell, Hailey Reguera and coach Jeff Goldstein. (courtesy photo).

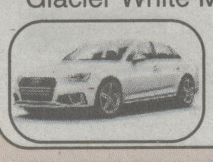


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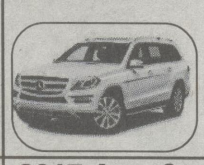
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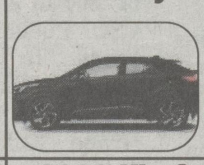
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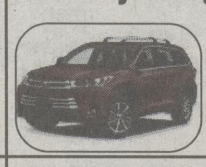
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